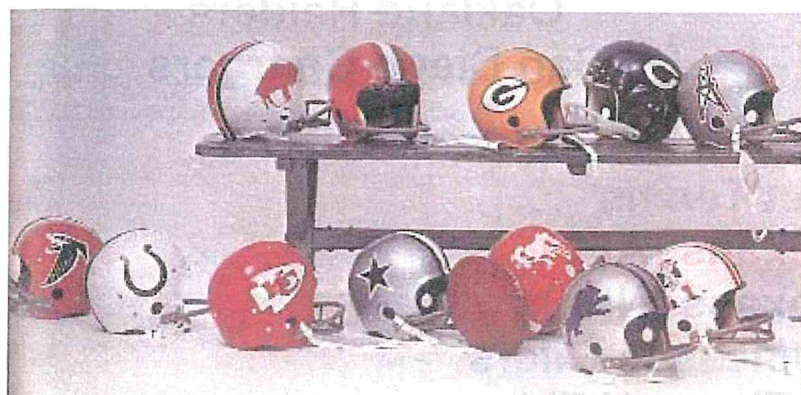


Mike Stanhope's NFL/AFL Helmet History Site!



1966 NFL/AFL Helmets

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Miscellaneous NFL Helmets

To view my NFL/AFL Helmet History Excel Spreadsheet - click [here](#). This list gives a chronological helmet history for every team from the late 40's to present day.

[Some pictures of my mini helmet collection](#)

Below are links to some of my favorite helmet sites:

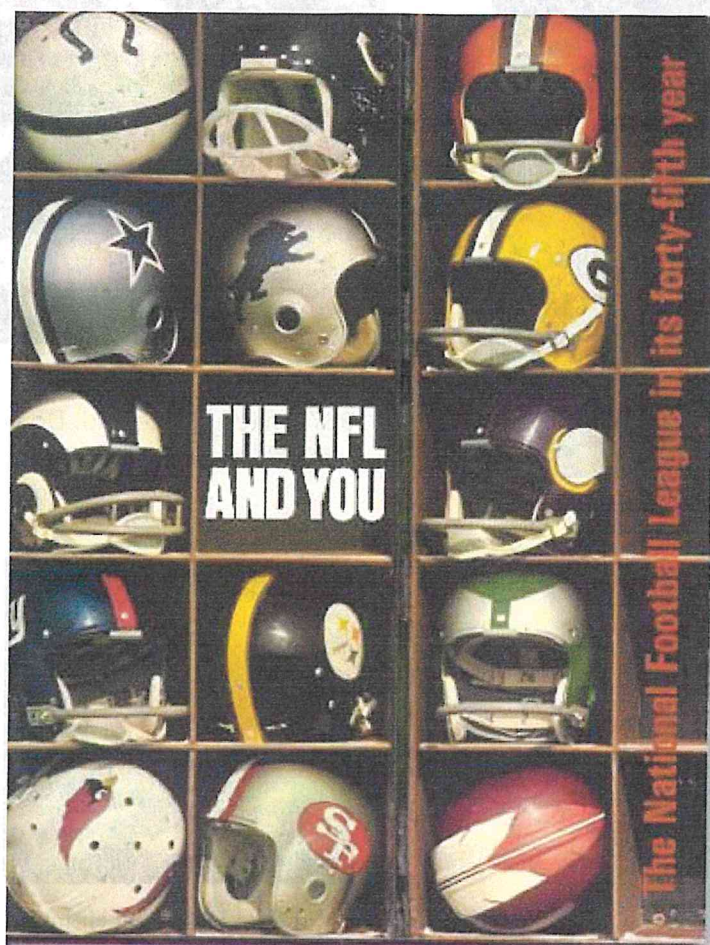


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and Club*

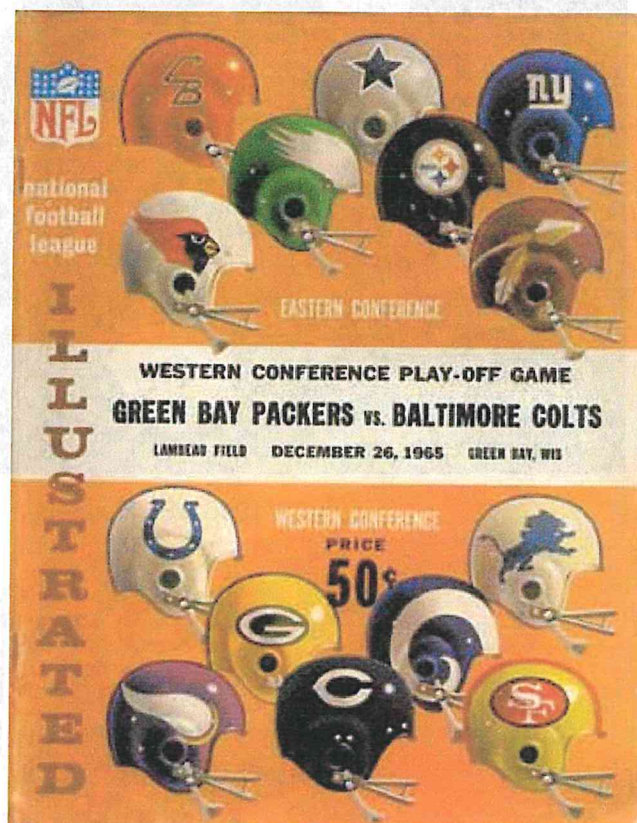
Come Join!



Miscellaneous Helmets



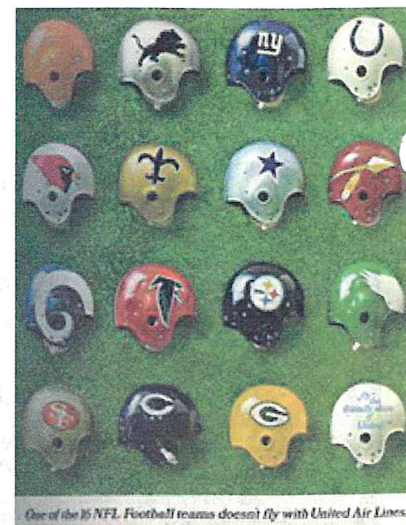
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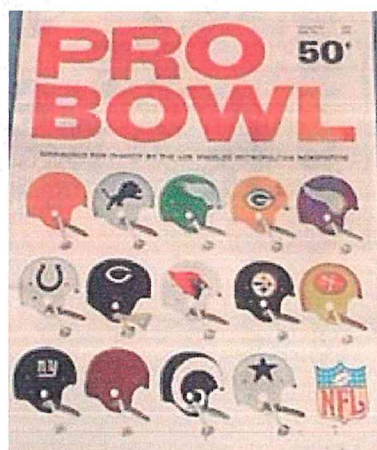
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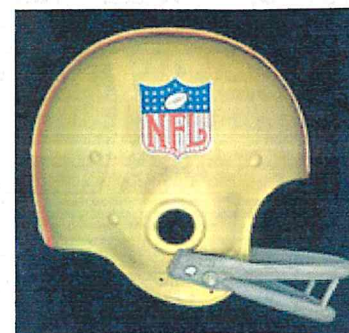
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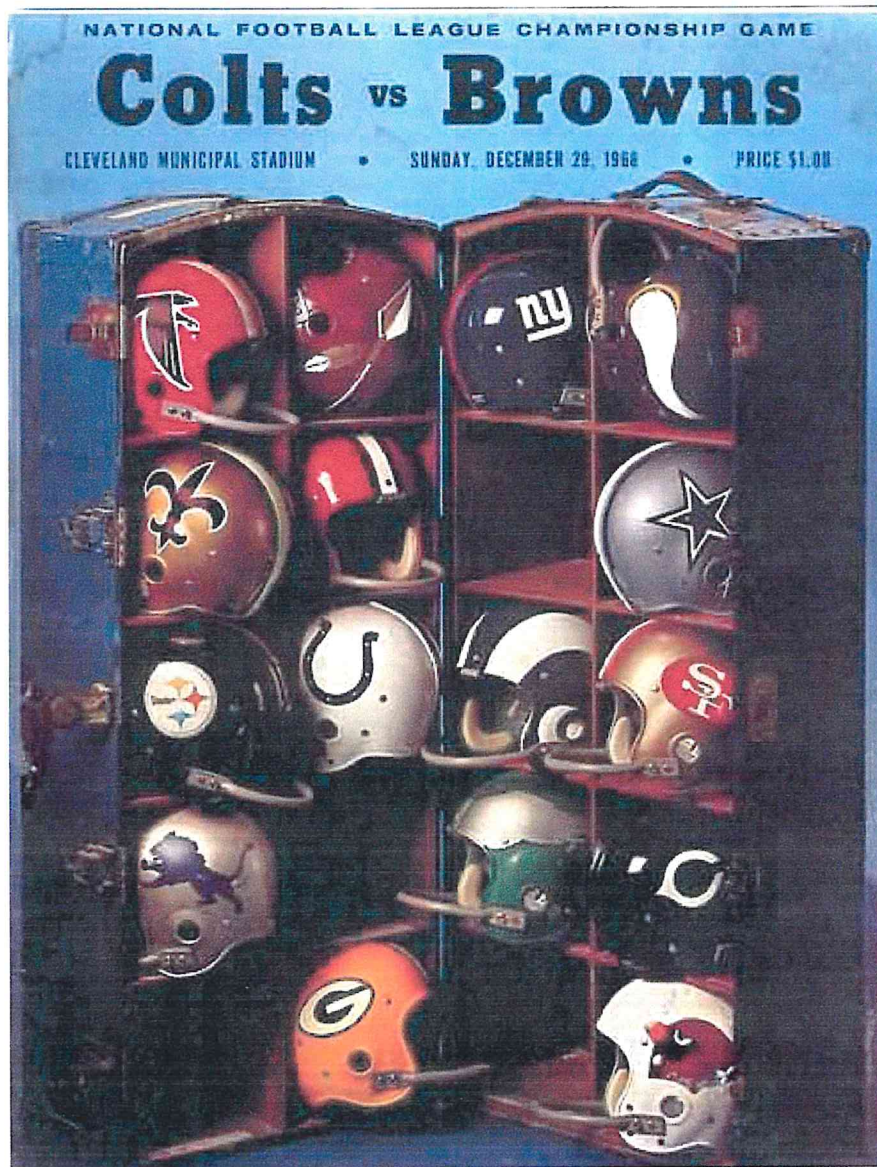
1967 United Airlines ad. Do you know the missing team??



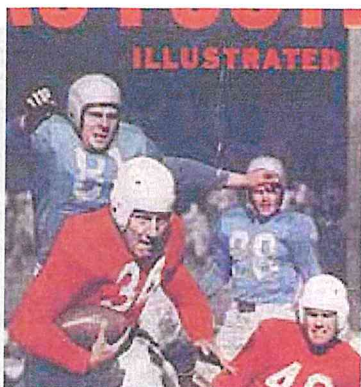
1964 Helmets
January 1965 Pro Bowl Program



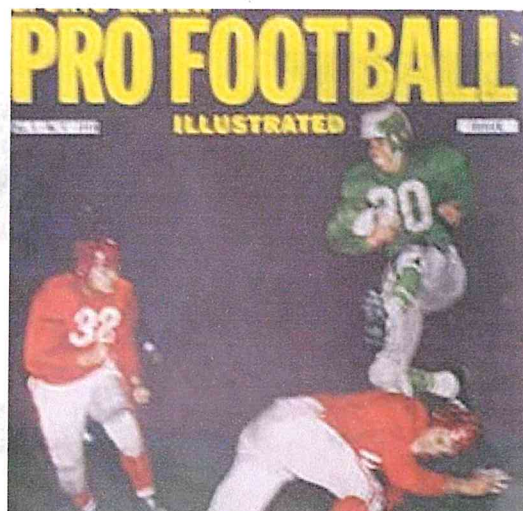
Mid 60's Pro Bowl Helmet



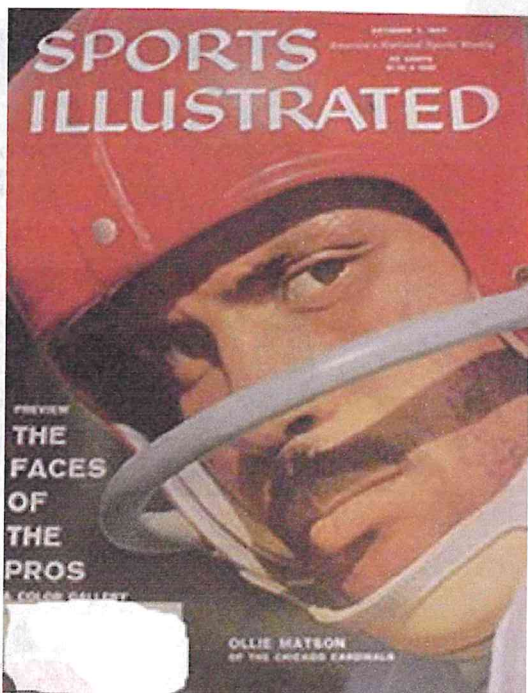
Chicago/St. Louis/Arizona Cardinals



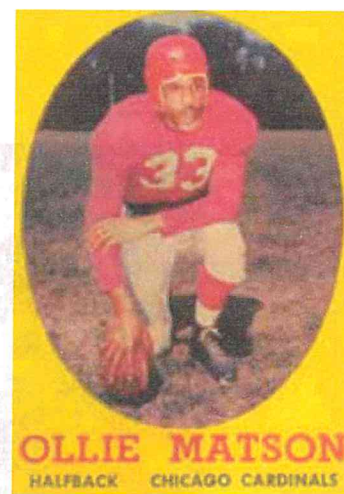
1947 Pro FB Illustrated
vs Lions



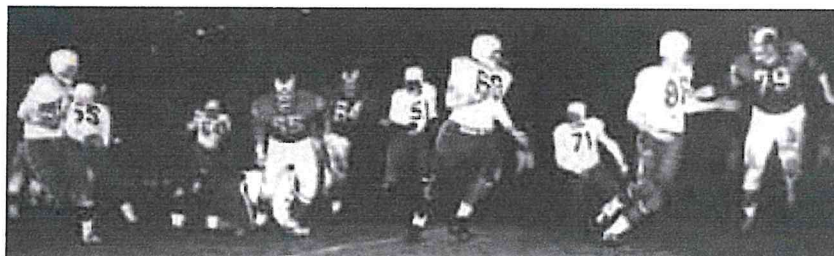
From a 1949 Pro Football Illustrated. I'm assuming these
are the Chicago Cardinals (vs Eagles).



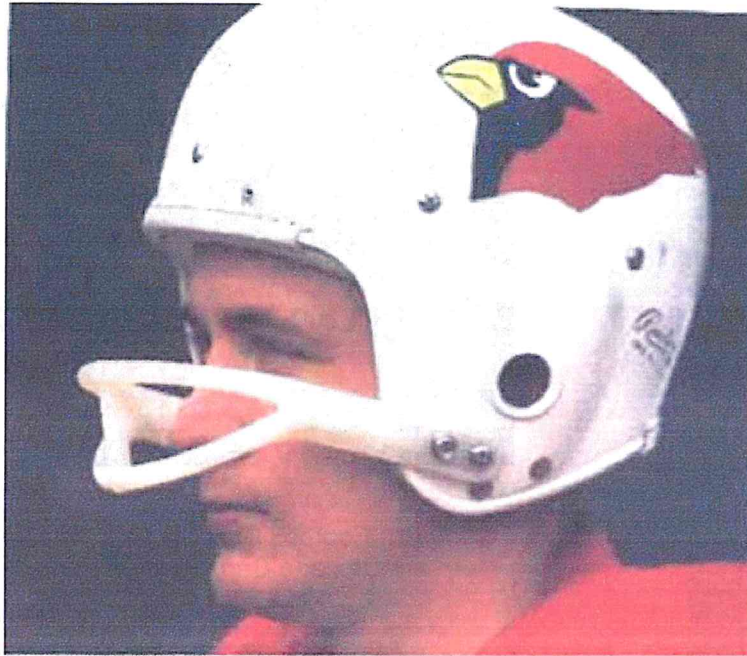
From a 1957 issue of SI. Chicago Cardinal Ollie Matson wearing a red
helmet. I'm not sure if the Cards actually wore this hemet on the field?



1958 Topps Card



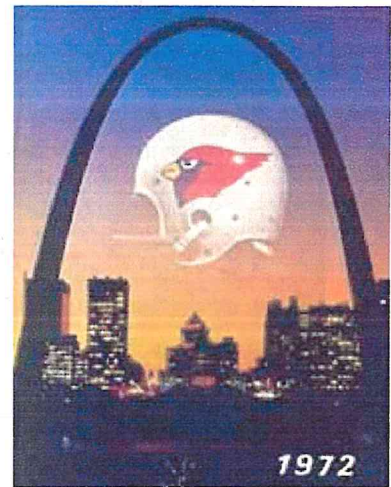
The St. Louis Cardinals very first game was at Los Angeles on 9/23/60 against the Rams. For this game only, they wore plain white helmets. For their home opener the following week, they added the familiar Cardinal logo, which has remained ever since.



1960's version with unique white mask



1960's version repro by
Helmethut

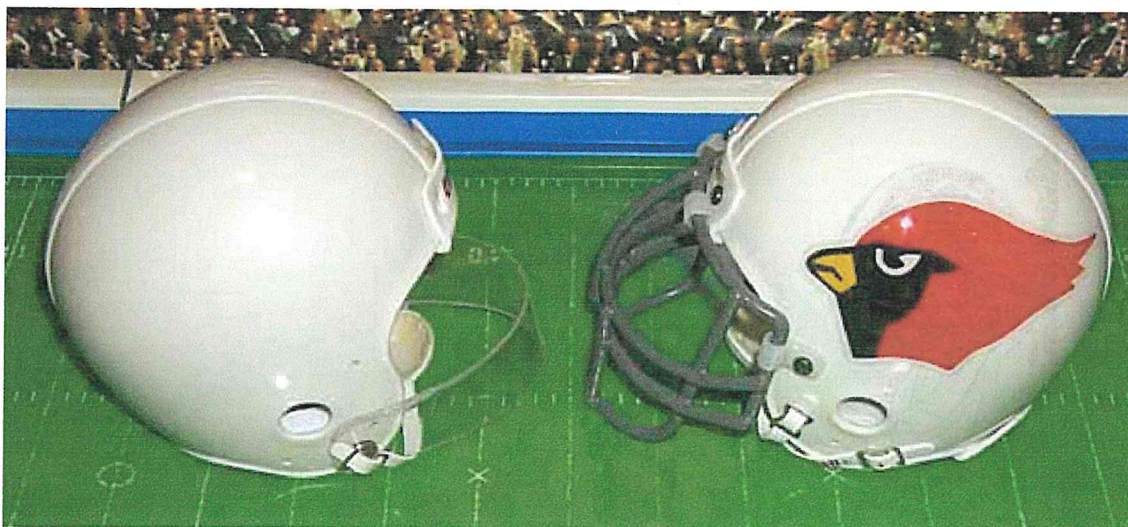


From 1967



1994 Special Throwback

Cardinals Mini Helmets:



1950's

1960's -1970's

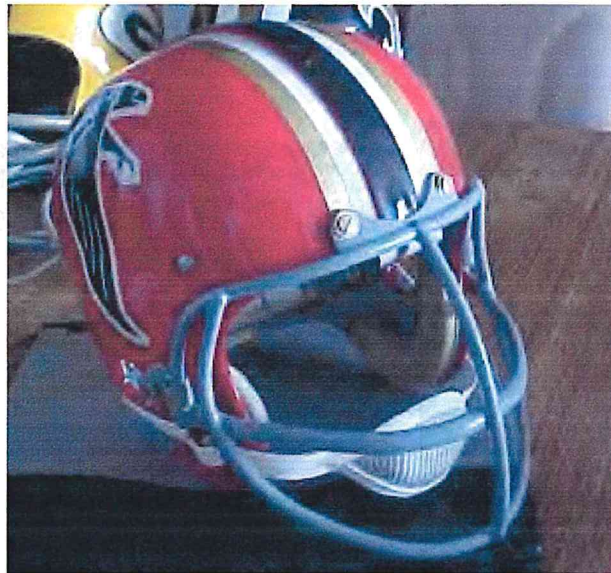
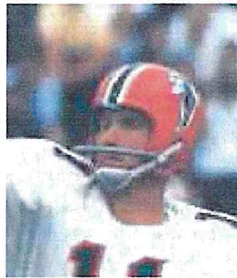
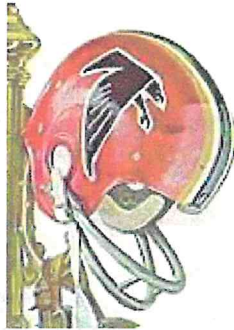


1994 Special Throwback



1980's - Present

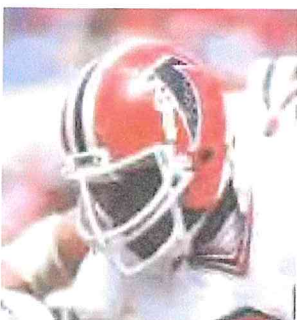
Atlanta Falcons



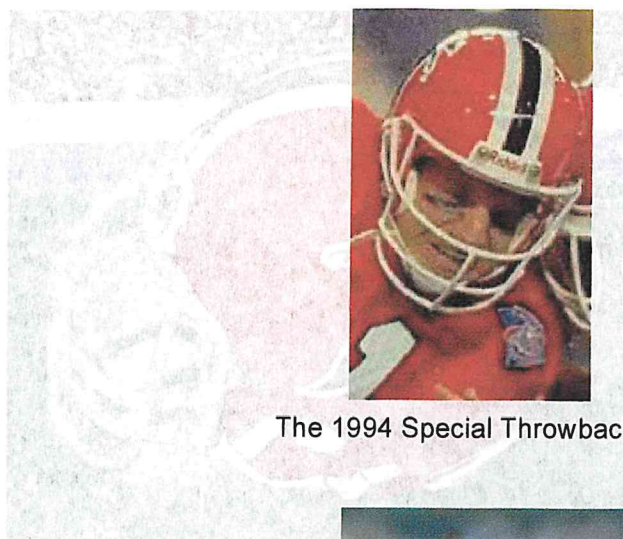
The original Falcon helmet (worn from 1966-1969) had gold outer stripes. Directly above is a nice custom reproduction of the helmet worn by Tommy Nobis in 1966. This custom job was done by the folks at Helmethut. Photo courtesy of Curtis Worrell.



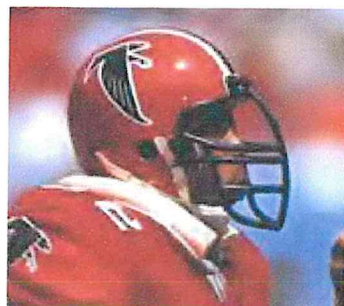
Dave Hampton wearing the early 1970's version w/o the gold stripes.



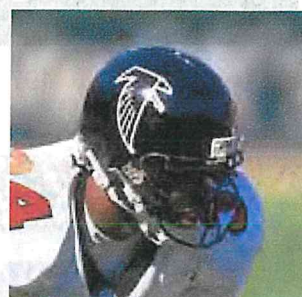
1980's White Mask Version



The 1994 Special Throwback



'84-'89 black mask version



Current Falcon Helmet

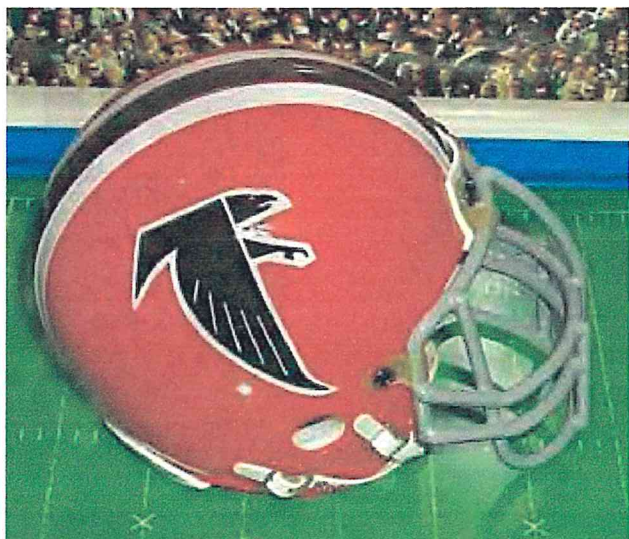
Falcon Mini Helmets:



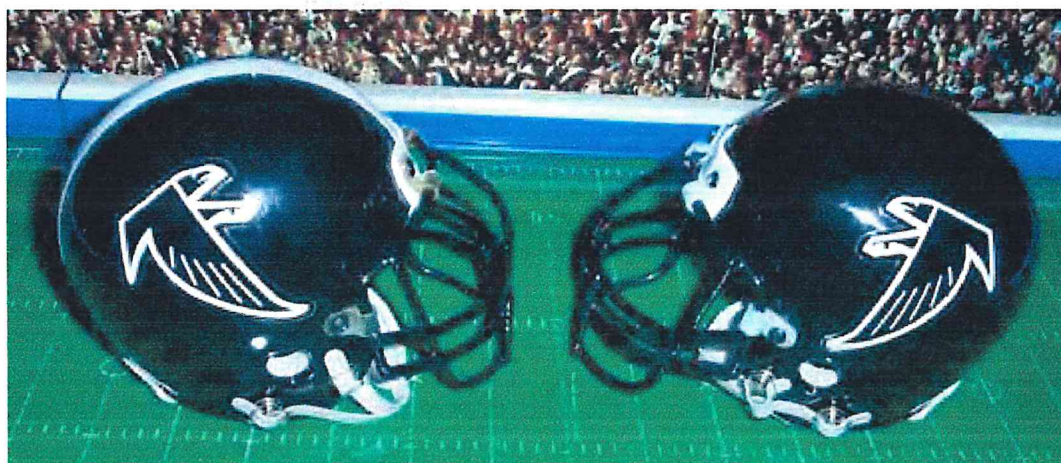
1966 - 1969

1977 - 1983

1984 - 1989



1970 - 1976



1990 Pre-season

1990 - Current

Baltimore Ravens



1996-1998



Drawing that resulted in the lawsuit which forced the Ravens to go to the new logo in 1999.



Ravens new 1999 version

Ravens Mini Helmet:



1996-1998

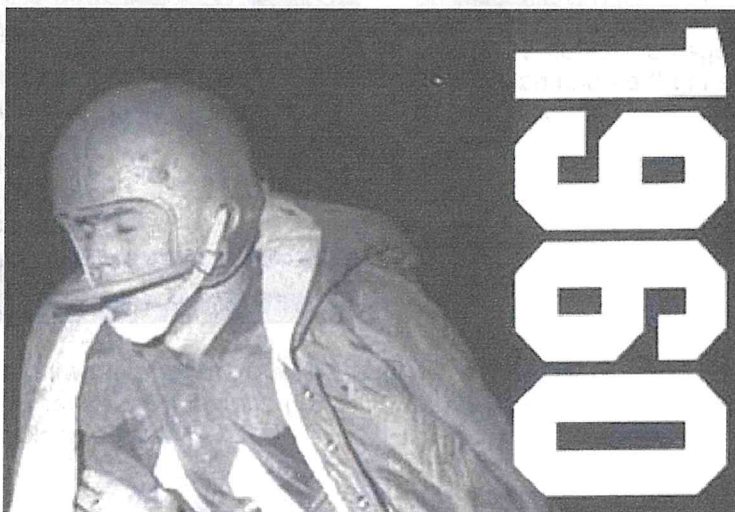


1999 - Current

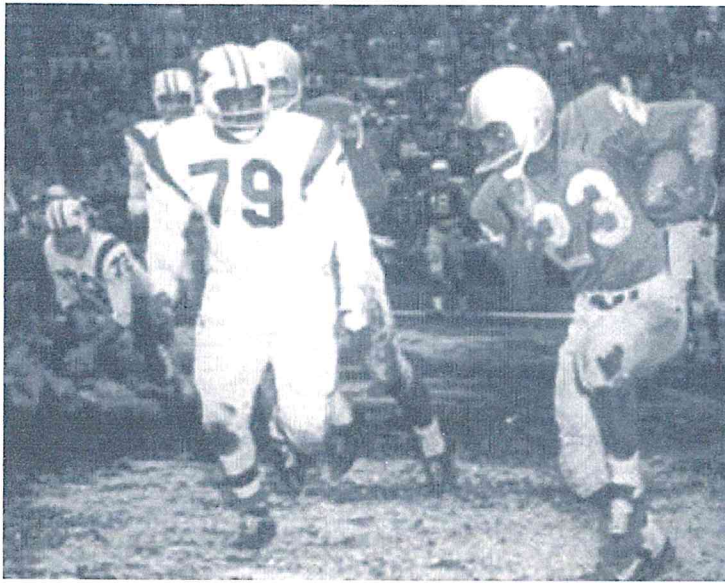
Buffalo Bills



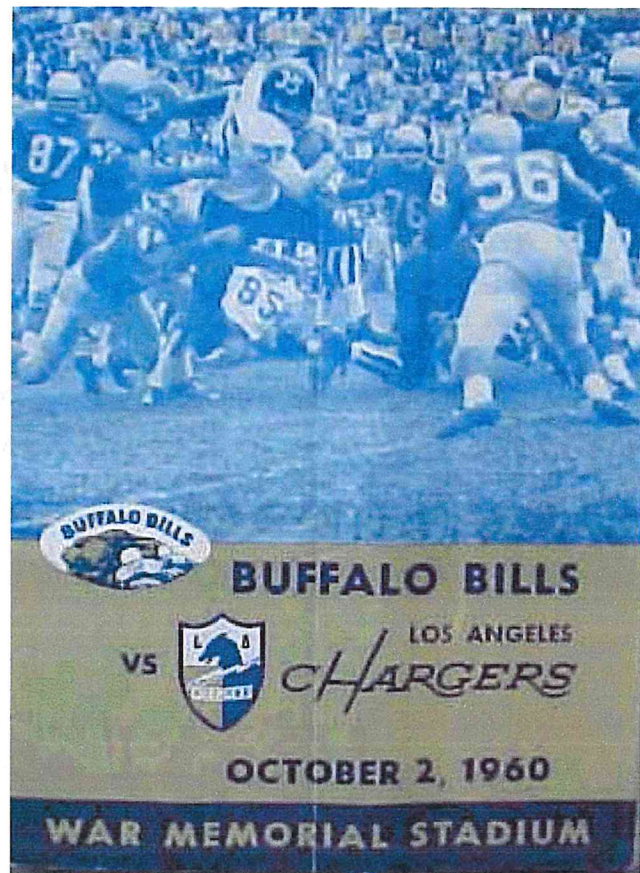
1960 pre-sason game at Boston. The Bills first helmet was silver with either blue or black numbers on the sides.



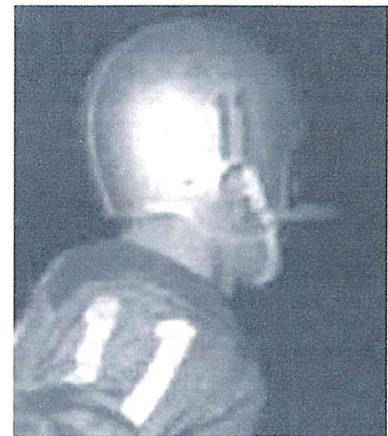
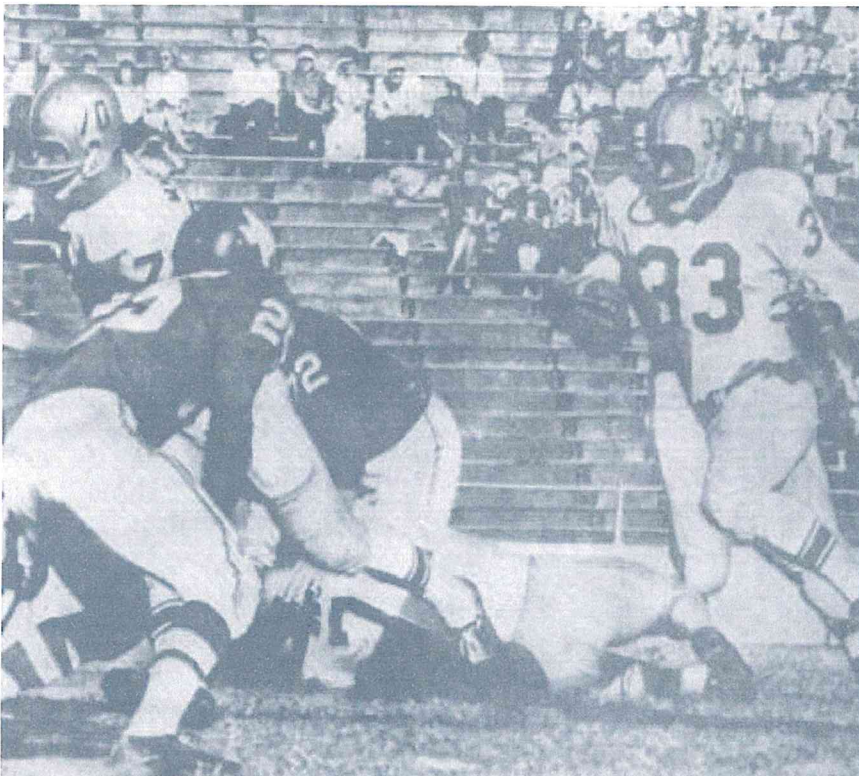
Originally, I thought this picture (of Richie Lucas) showed a plain silver helmet (no #'s) variation. After inspecting the original image closely, I determined the "11"'s are there, but somewhat obscured by mud.



This from the 12/4/60 game against Boston. Note #79 of the Boston Patriots wearing their original "Hat Logo" .



An October 2, 1960 program showing a picture from a few weeks earlier (9/18/60) against the Denver Broncos and their vertically striped socks!



Richie Lucas was the Bills first draft pick

November 12, 1961. Bills at Texans. Art Baker is #33



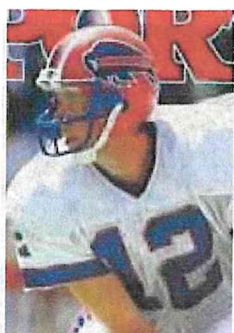
1962-64 Single red stripe variation



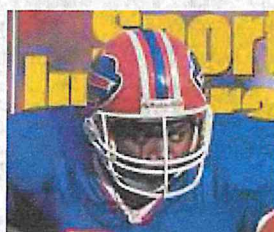
O.J 10/73 SI cover



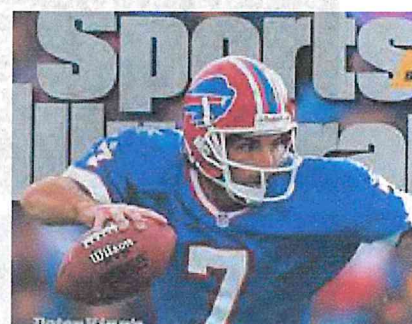
Joe Cribbs in the early 80's wearing the blue mask.



Jim Kelly in 1986



Thurman Thomas in 1992.

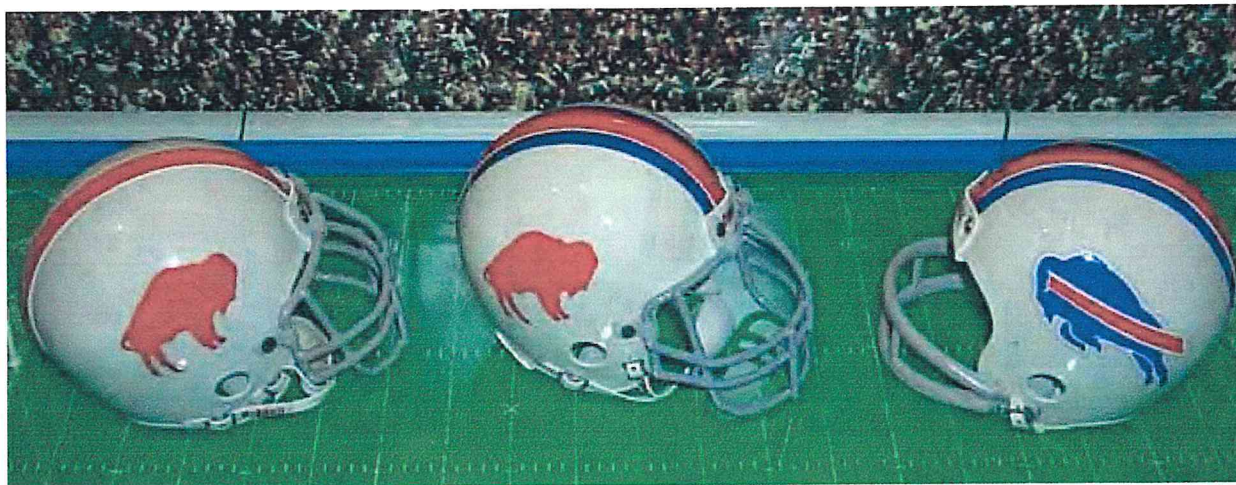


Doug Flutie in 1998.

Bills Mini Helmets:



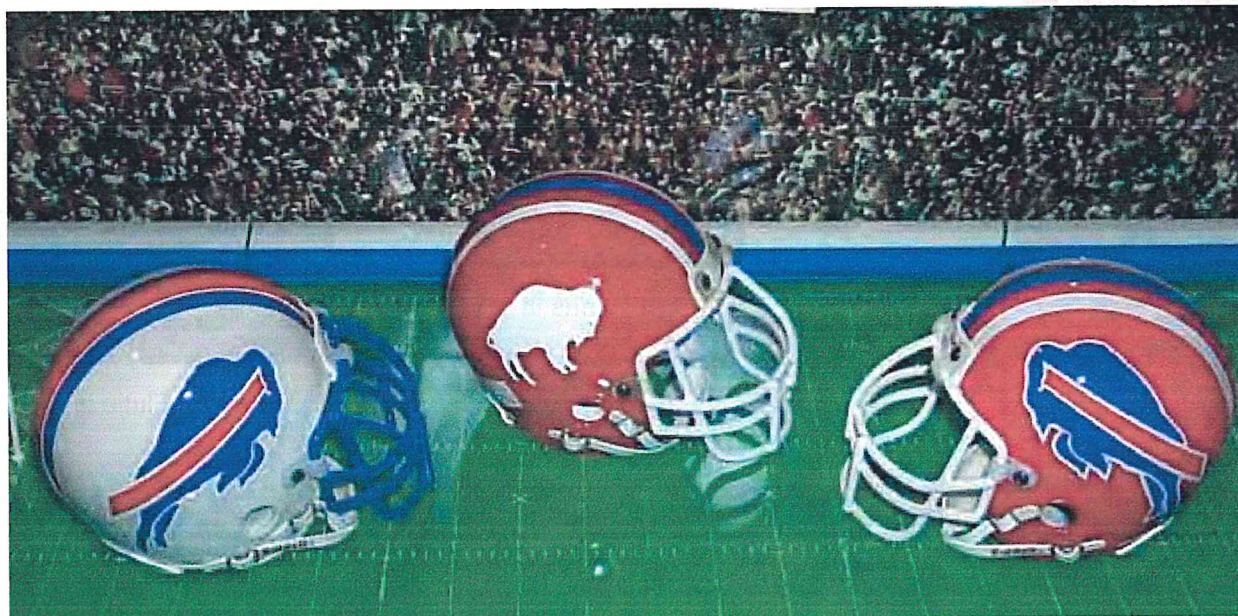
1960- 1961



1962- 1964

1965- 1973

1974- 1975



1976- 1983

1994 Special TB

1987- Present



1984- 1986

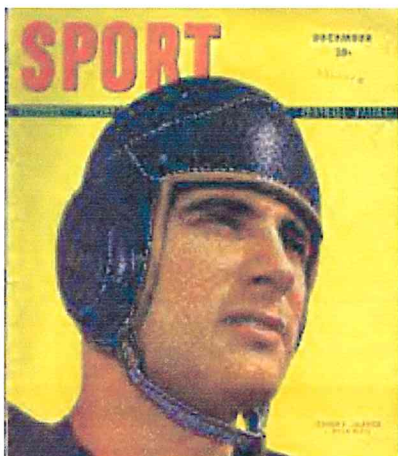
Carolina Panthers

Panthers Mini Helmet:

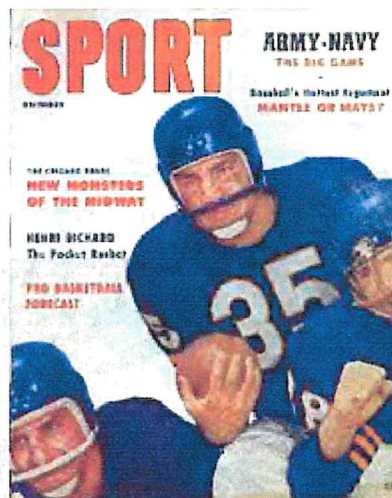


1995 - Present

Chicago Bears



Johnny Lujack: 1948 Sport Magazine



1957 Sport Magazine - 3 different color facemasks!!

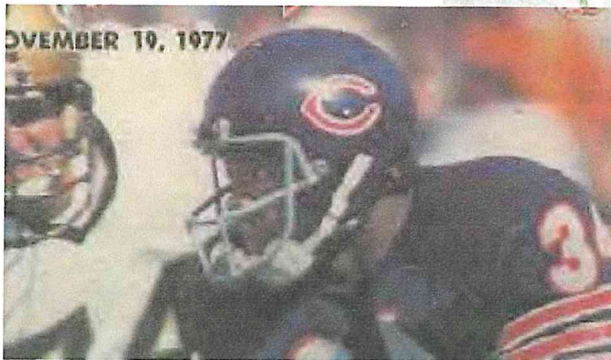
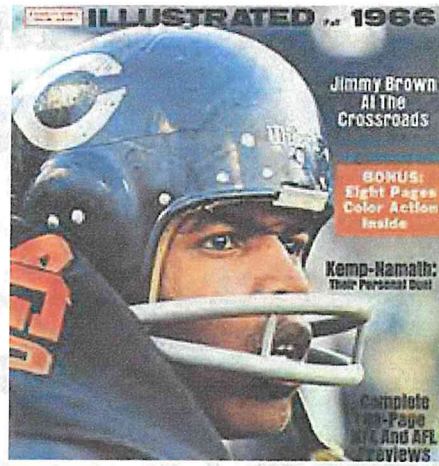


Game used helmet c.1966 . Thanks to Helmethut for this image.



Mid 60's shots of Gale Sayers wearing the plain white 'c' helmet. Note the pic above with

the white plastic mask that was popular in the mid to late 60's



Walter Payton in 1977

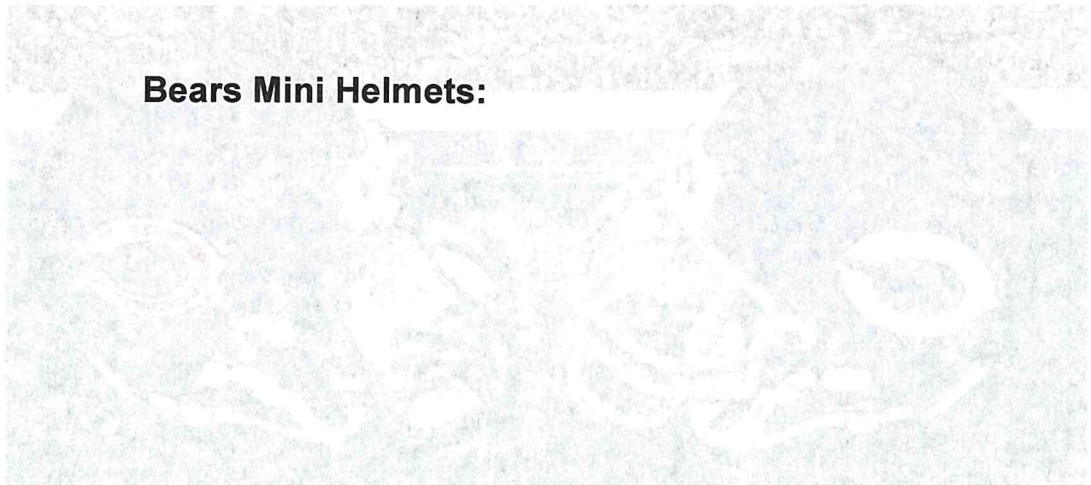


The 1994 Special Throwback



Current Bears Helmet

Bears Mini Helmets:



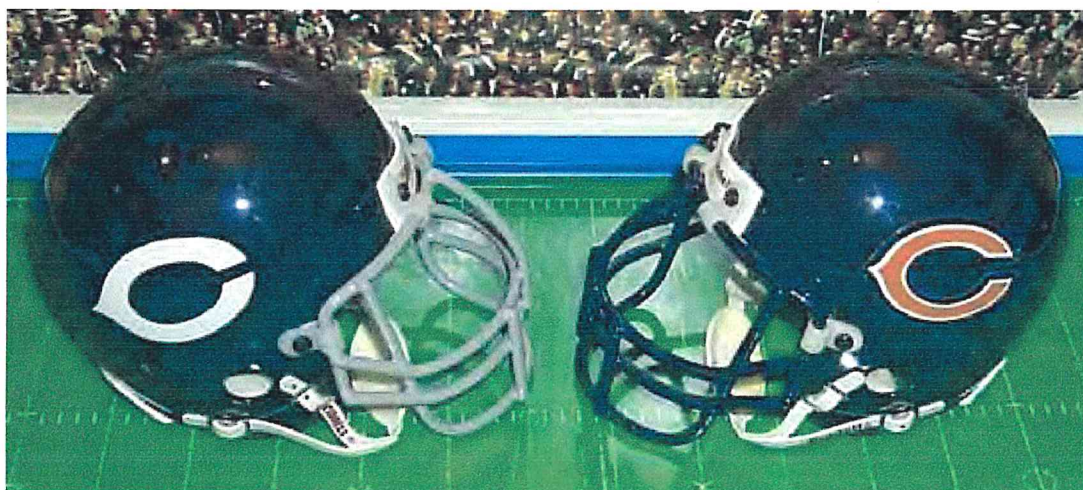


1940's - 1961



The 1994 Special Throwback

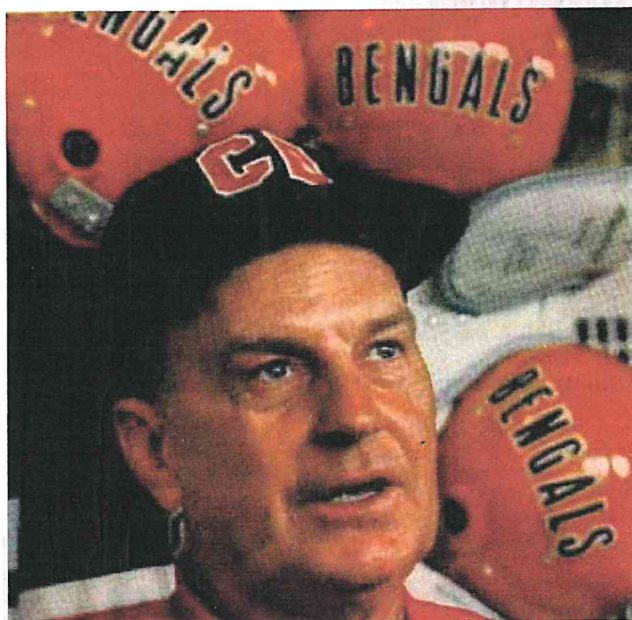
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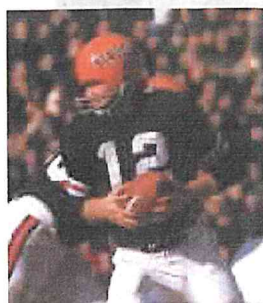
Cincinnati Bengals



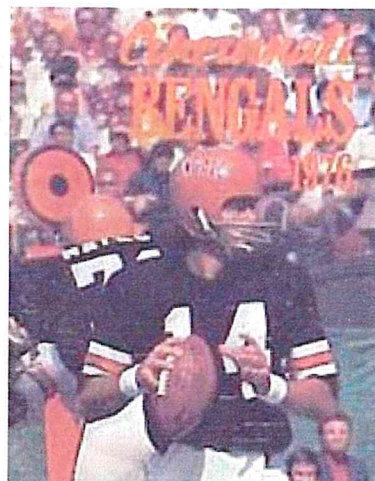
Paul Brown (c. 1967) surrounded by prototype Bengal helmets prior to choosing the familiar "BENGALS" original design. Note the helmet he is holding is similar to the design they went to in 1981.



Paul Brown from a 1968 SI



Greg Cook wearing the original Bengal helmet in 1969



1968 - 1979

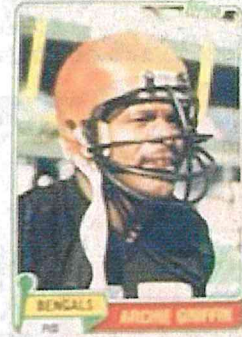


Nice re-conditioned original Bengal helmet from the folks at Helmethut.

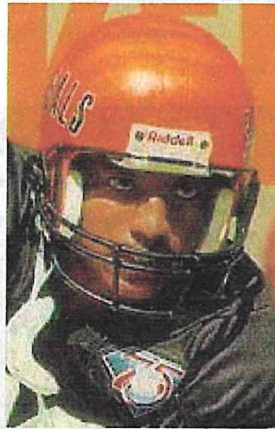


1980 black mask
version

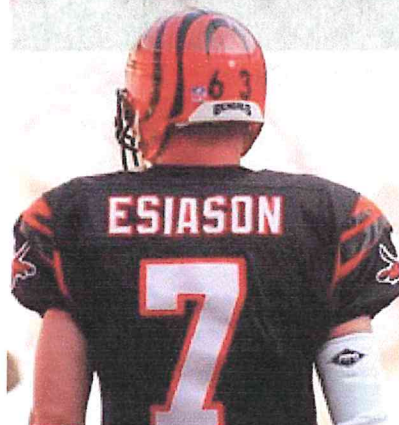
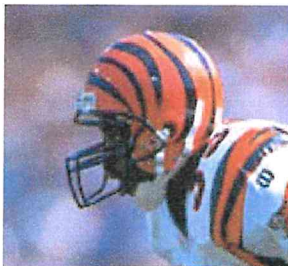
1980 black mask
version



Archie Griffin's 1981 card.
(preseason w/o logo)

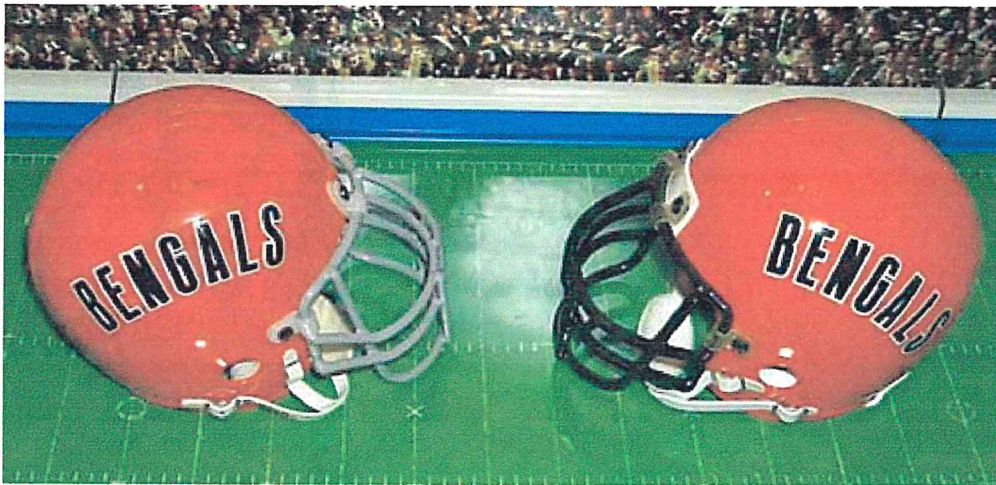


1994 Special Throwback



Current Bengal Helmet(s)
Boomer in 1997 wearing #63 in honor of offensive lineman Joe Walter who had retired.

Bengals Mini Helmets:



1968 - 1979

1980 and 1994 Special Throwback



1981 - Current

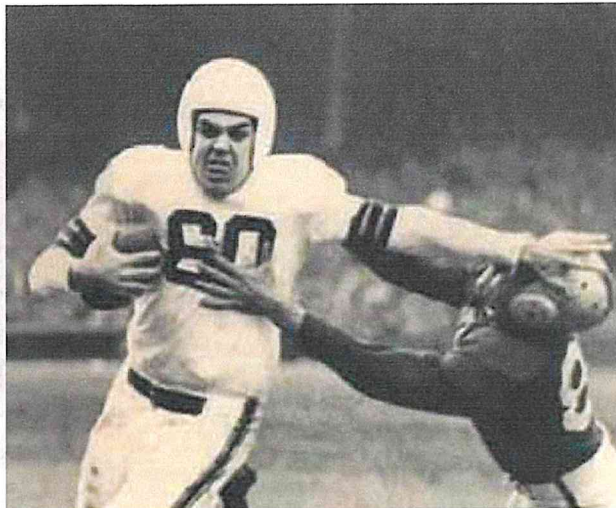
Cleveland Browns



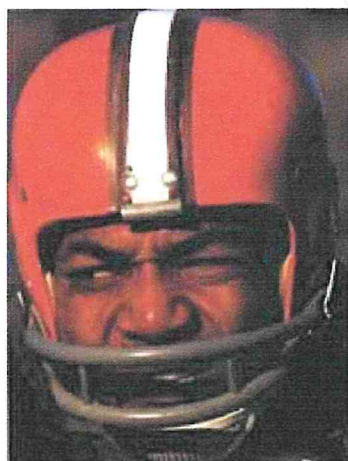
The great Otto Graham



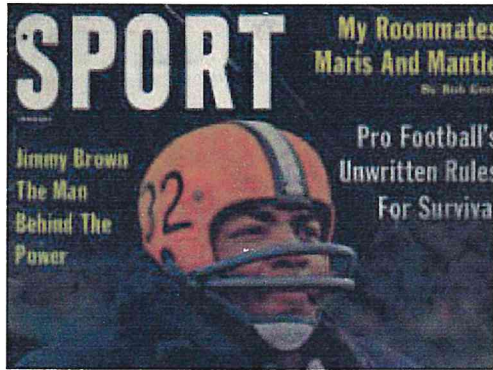
Marion Motley in the early 50's



Otto in the early 50's



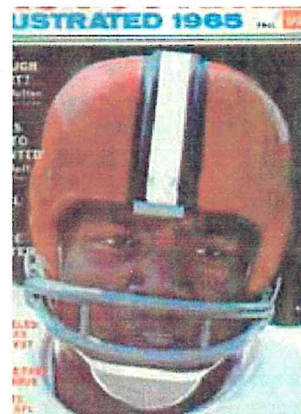
Jimmy Brown. Good close up of the Browns painted helmet stripes.



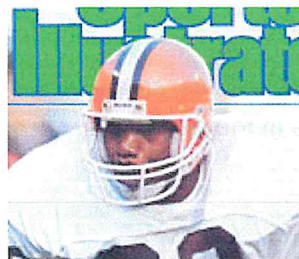
Jimmy Brown: January 1962 Issue of Sport and a Dell magazine, also from 1962.



Frank Ryan from a Fall '65 issue of SI

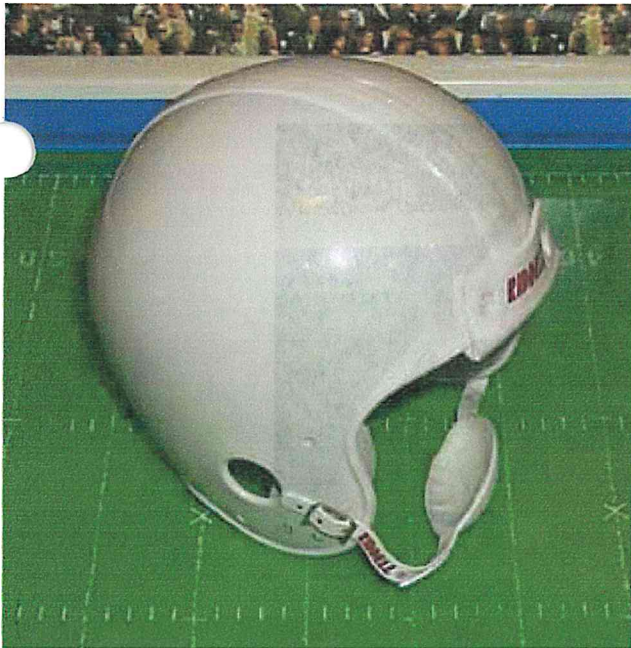


Jim Brown



Ozzie Newsome in 1987

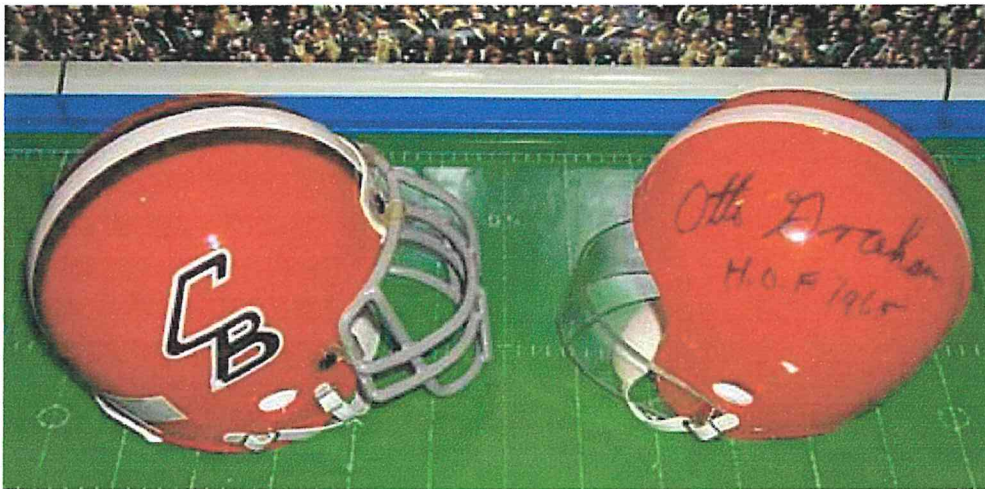
Browns Mini Helmets:



1950 - 1951



1957 - 1959



Browns pre-season 1965??

1952 - 1956



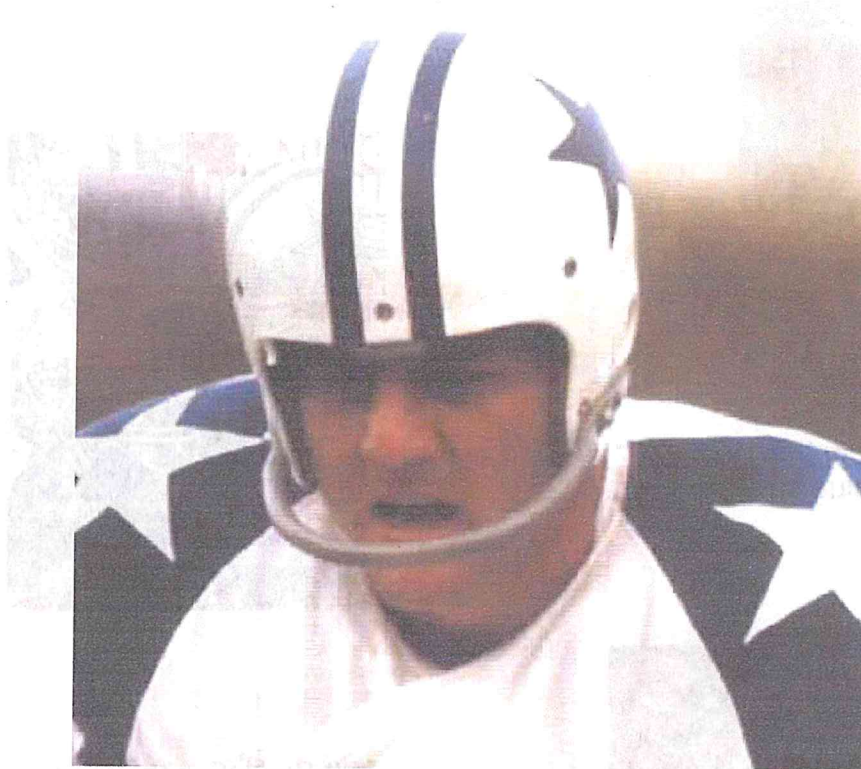
1960 - 1961



1962 - 1974

1975 - 1995, 1999 - Current

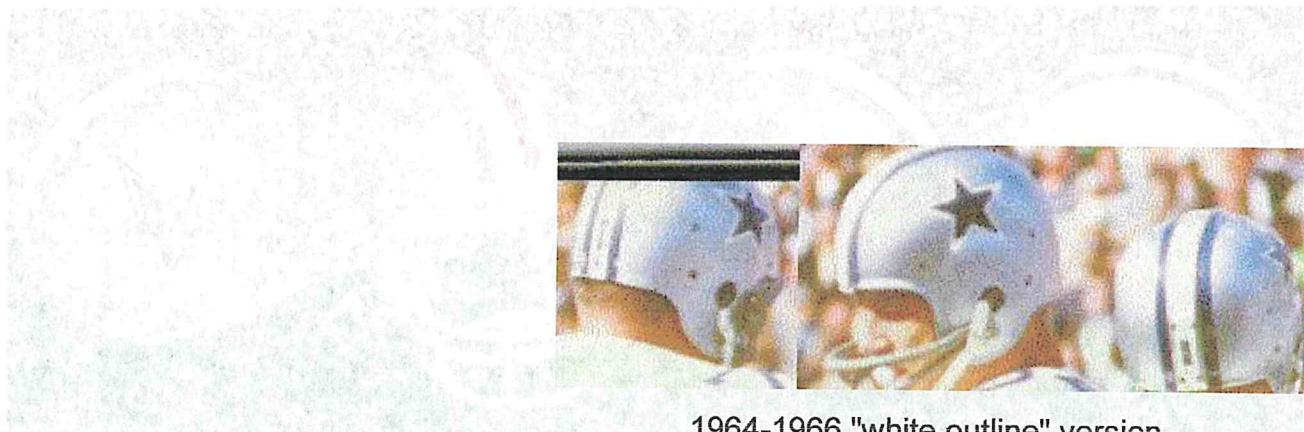
Dallas Cowboys



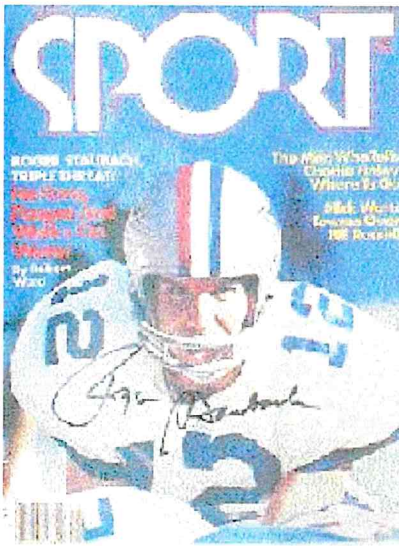
"Dandy" Don Meredith wearing the first Cowboy helmet. Dallas wore this helmet from 1960 - 1963.



1960-1963 version



1964-1966 "white outline" version



Roger Staubach wearing the 1976 special "red, white & blue stripes" version



1990 SI. Notice the vertical name plate on the white stripe



Mr. Smith in 1994

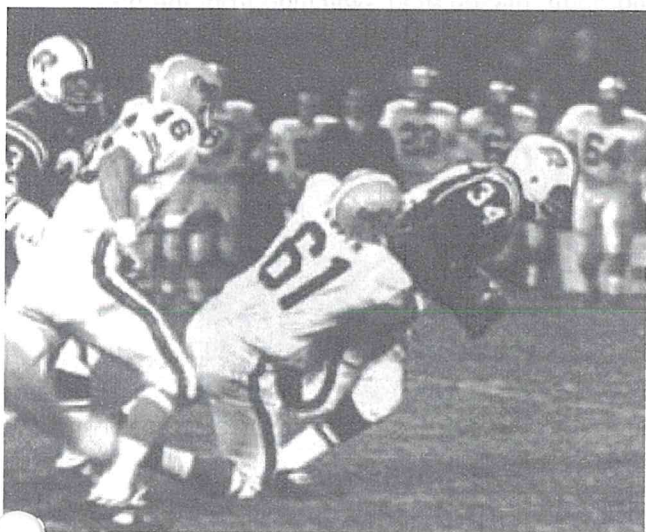
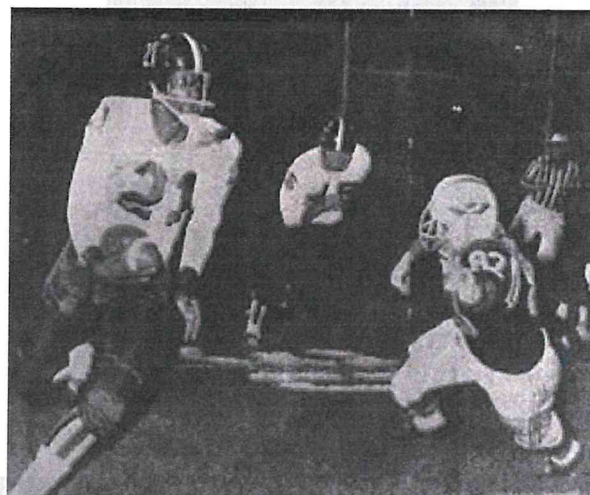
Cowboys Mini Helmets:



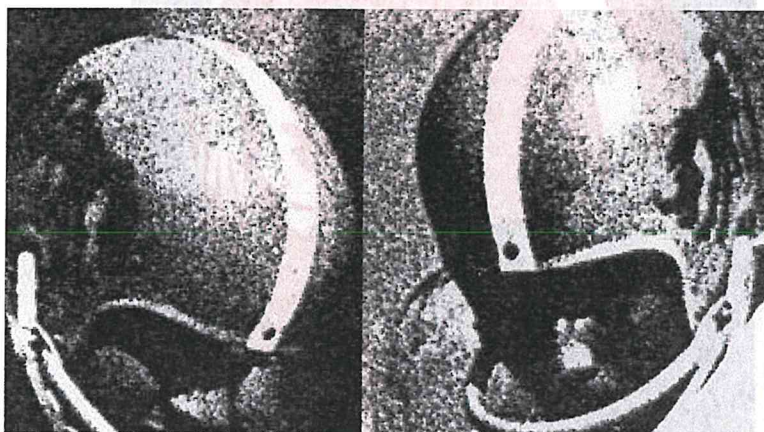
Denver Broncos



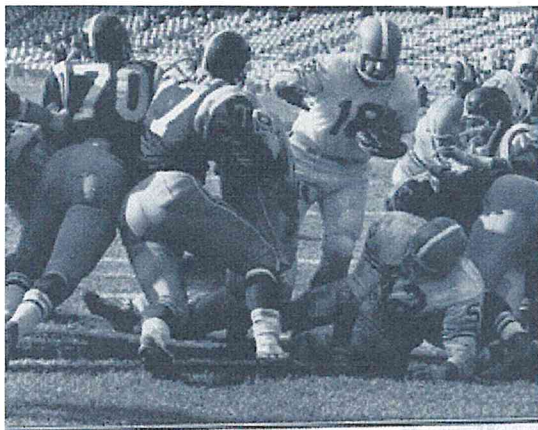
The Broncos first helmet was brown with a single white stripe and white #'s on the side. The pic above is from the 9/16/1960 game at Buffalo. The color image below (provided by Patrick Scoggin), is from the 11/6/1960 game in Denver against the Oilers. The black and white picture below is from the first official AFL game held on Friday night September 9, 1960 at Boston. Also, note the infamous vertical socks!



9/15/62 at Buffalo. Brown bronco logo



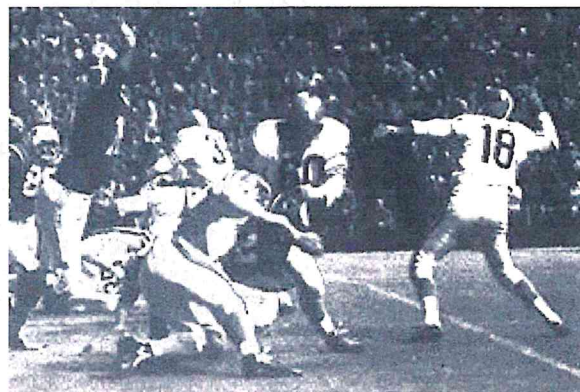
Early 1962 "Brown Bronco Logo" Version. Worn for just a few games before switching to the white decal.



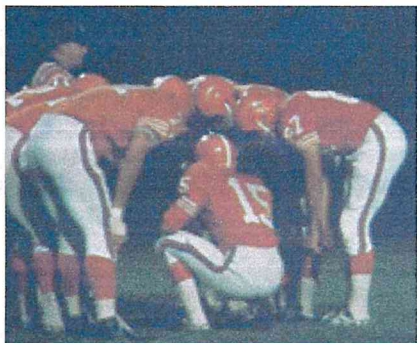
Quarterback Frank Tripucka scores against the New York Titans in a 38-13 victory at the Polo Grounds in 1960. The Broncos won

They could have easily become the San Antonio Broncos. Or the Atlanta Broncos, Philadelphia Broncos, Cincinnati Broncos. Even the Birmingham Broncos was a possibility at one point. The early 1960s were the most unstable years in the history of the Denver Broncos. The team came perilously close to leaving Denver on several occasions, only to be saved by those who believed the city needed

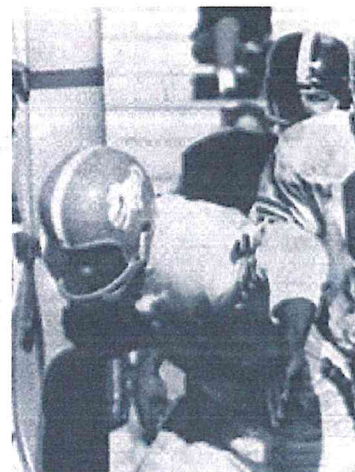
9/30/62 at the NY Titans - it's tough to see, but Frank Tripucka (with ball) is wearing the brown logo.



9/21/62 at the Boston Patriots - it's tough to see, but Frank Tripucka (18) is wearing the brown logo. It's a little easier to say on the Bronco in the foreground.



No logo version, believed to be from a 1962 pre-season game. Picture courtesy of Pat Scoggin.



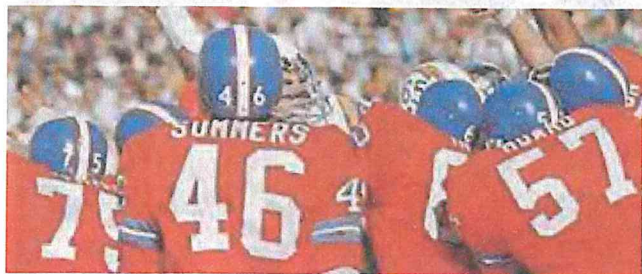
10/5/62 at Oakland. This was either the first or second game played after switching from the brown logo. Gene Mingo is the ball carrier.



This is a nice picture of Goose Gonsoulins's helmet. Picture courtesy of Helmethut.



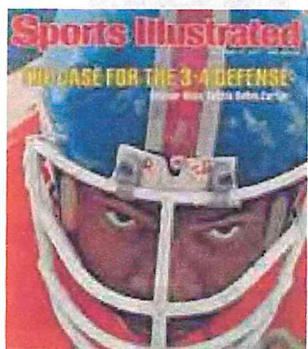
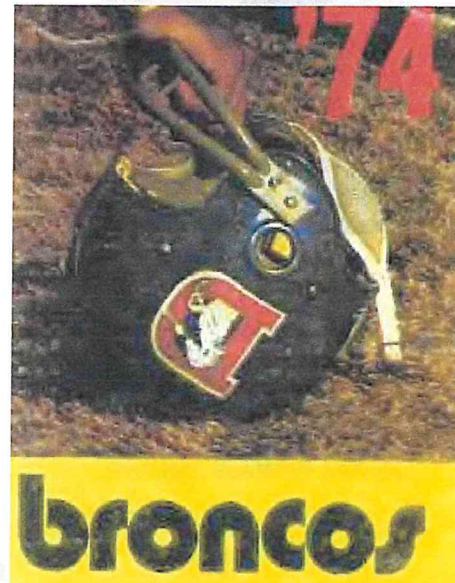
1962-1965 Version



1967 "Logo-less" version. Thanks to Patrick Scoggin from Endzone Sports for sending me this rare color image.



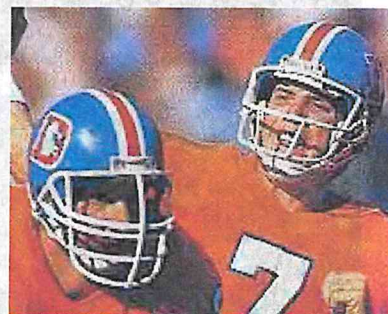
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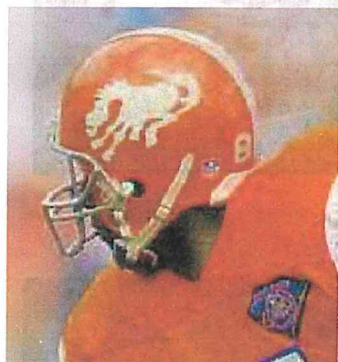
October 1977 SI



Helmethut repro of Floyd Little's helmet



From a fall 1987 issue of SI

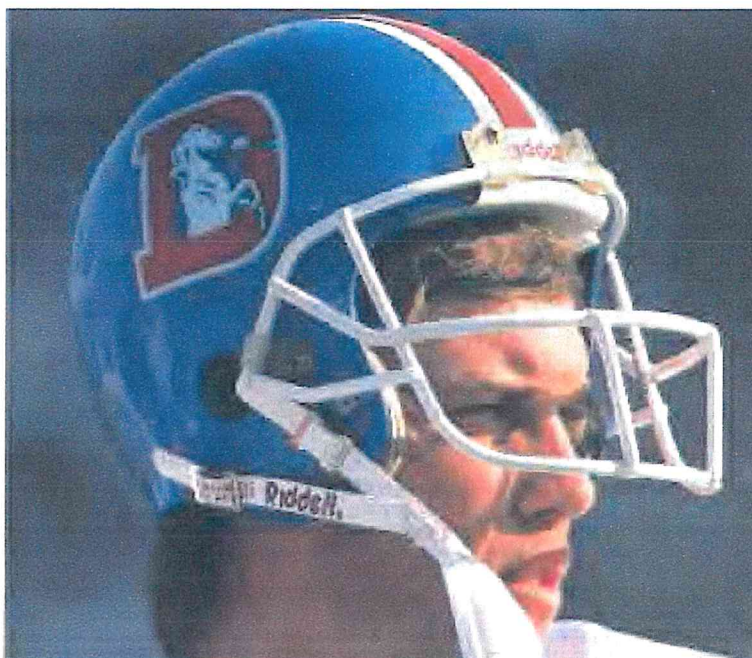


1994 Throwback paying tribute to the style worn from 1962-1965





Current Broncos Helmet



John Elway

Bronco Mini Helmets:



1960 - 1961

Early 1962

Mid 1962 - 1965



1966

1968 - 1974

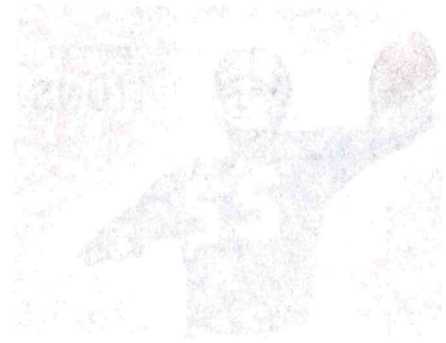
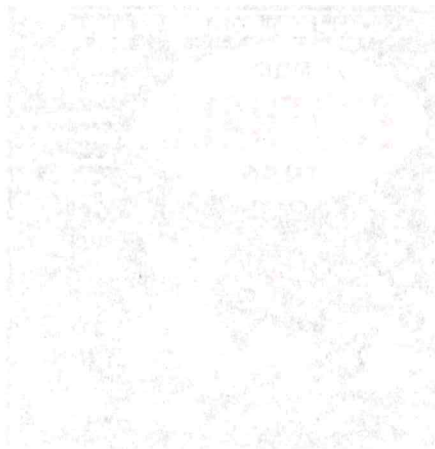
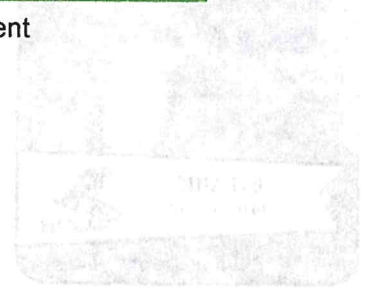
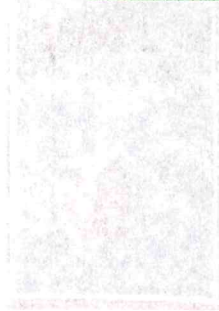
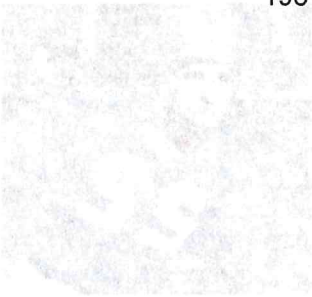
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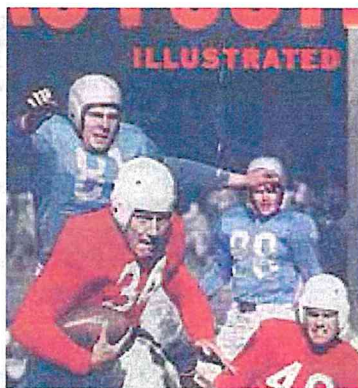
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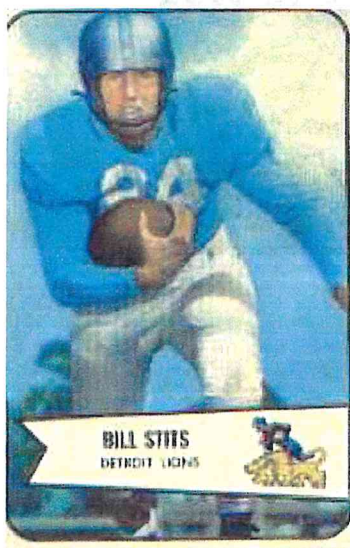
1997 - Present



Detroit Lions



Lions silver helmets (Cardinals in white) from a 1947 Football Illustrated.



1954 Bowman card



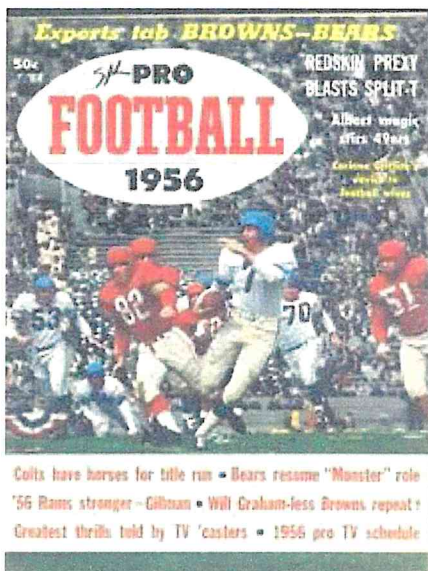
Bobby Layne 1954 Time cover



Layne's 1954 Bowman card



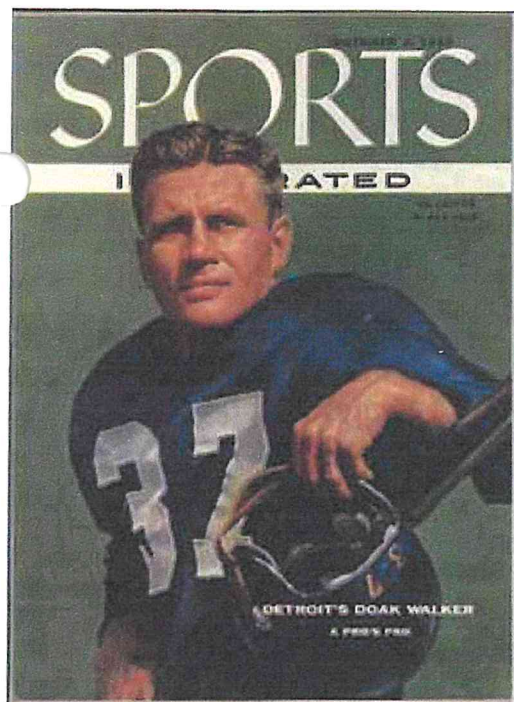
Layne's 1955 card



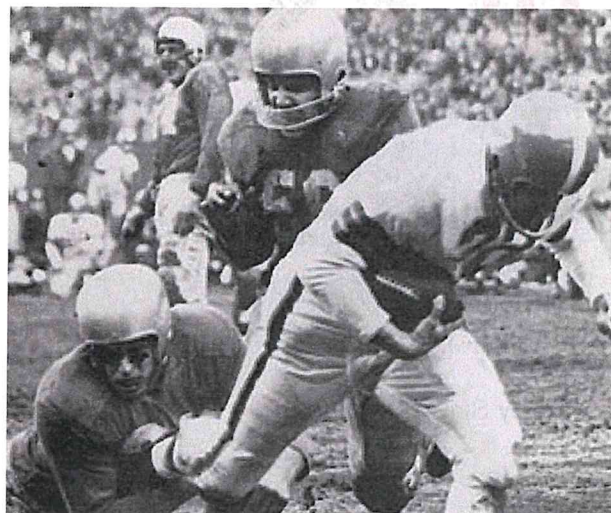
Is this a pic of the Lions?



Jim Ricca's 1955 card



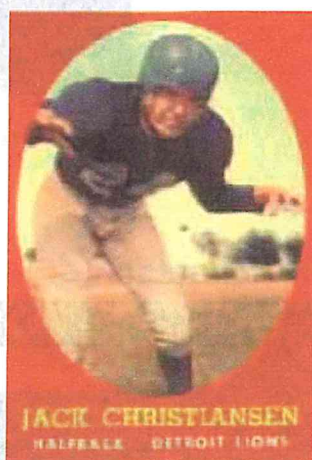
Blue helmet from 1955



From 1954



1958 Topps card



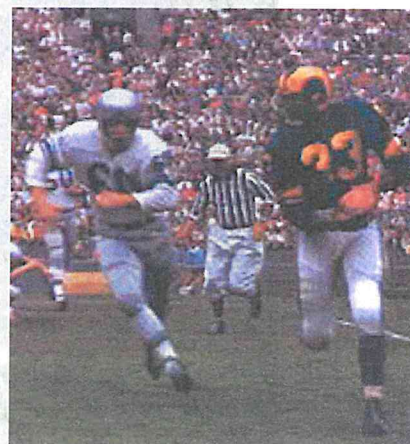
1958 Topps card



From 1957

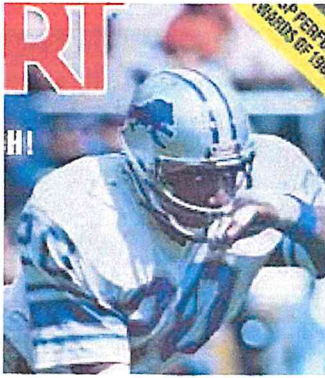


Game worn, reconditioned by

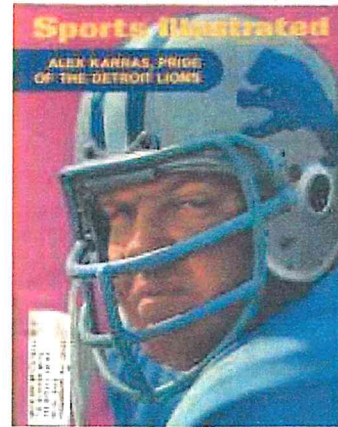


Circa 1959/1960

Hemethut



Billy Sims from 1980



Alex Karras gracing the cover of a 1970 issue of SI. This variation with both the white center stripe and plain Lion logo without the white outline only lasted from 1969-1970 (I think).



The 1994 Special Throwback



Current version from the 1984 Media Guide

Lions Mini Helmets:



Mid 50's



Early 50's, 1957 - 1961

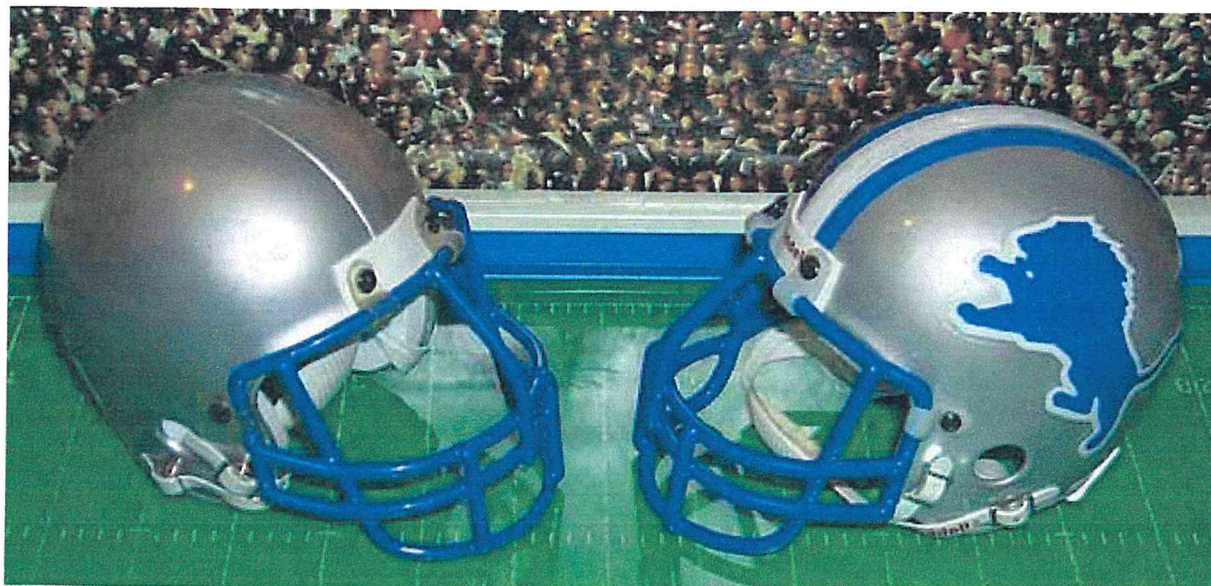
1962-1968



1969-1970

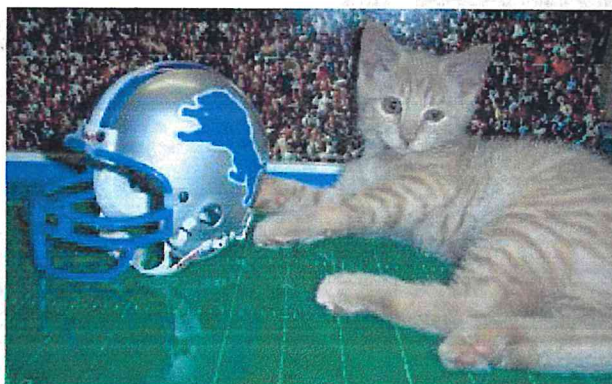


1971-1982



1994 Special Throwback

1983 - Present

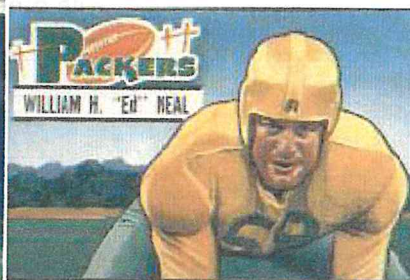
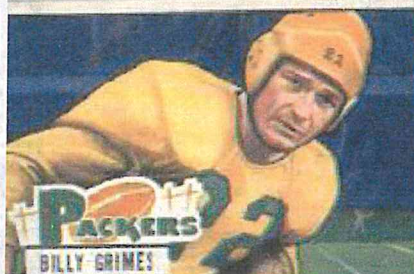
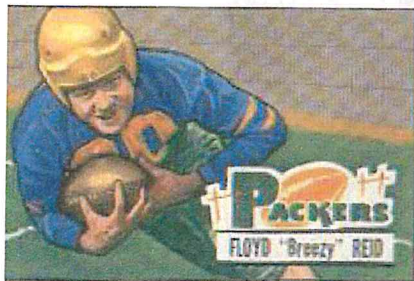


My kitten Benny. Wishful thinking!

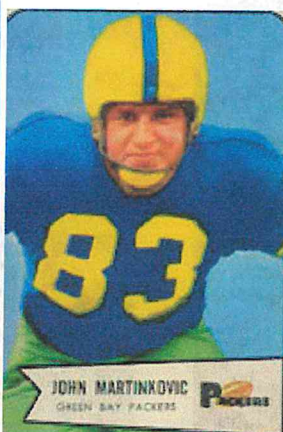
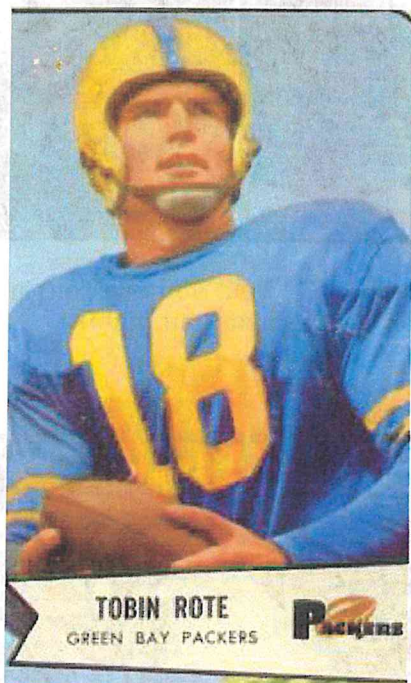
Green Bay Packers



1950 Bowman card. Fred Fritsch

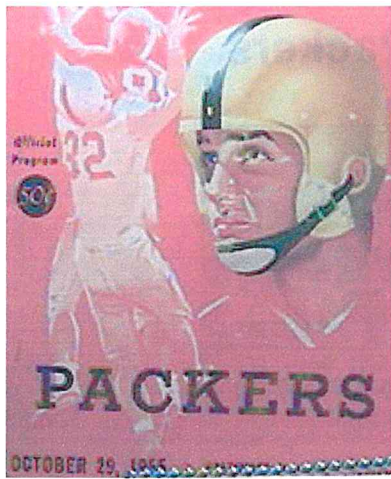


1951 Bowman cards



1954 Topps cards. Single blue stripe variation.





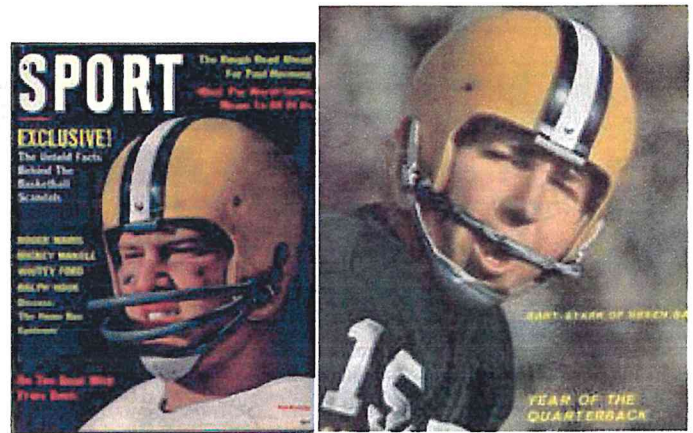
1955 program - metallic gold with green stripe.

1955 Bowman card. Single green stripe variation.



1962 YEARBOOK

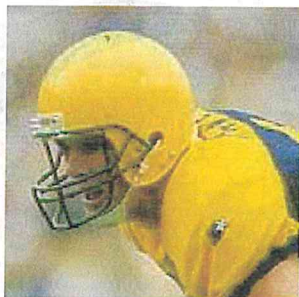
This yellow mask variation is probably not a true variation - as the photo has been colorized. Looks good though. Vince is being carried off after GB won the 1961 Title Game.



Before the "G": Paul Hornung (left) in 1960 and Bart Starr (right)



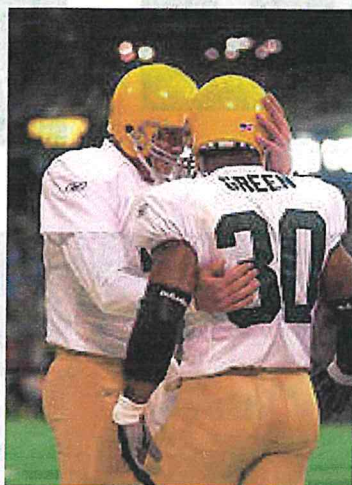
Early 60's vs the 49ers



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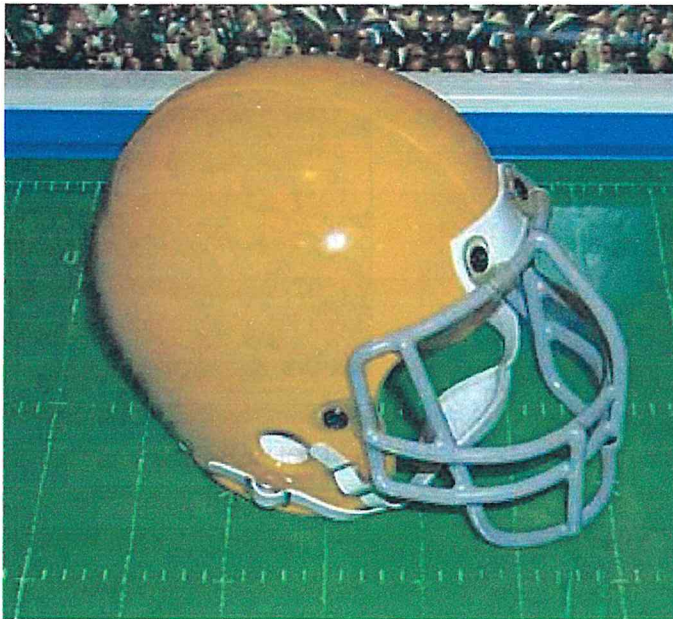


Desmond Howard wearing the current Packer helmet w/green mask in 1997.

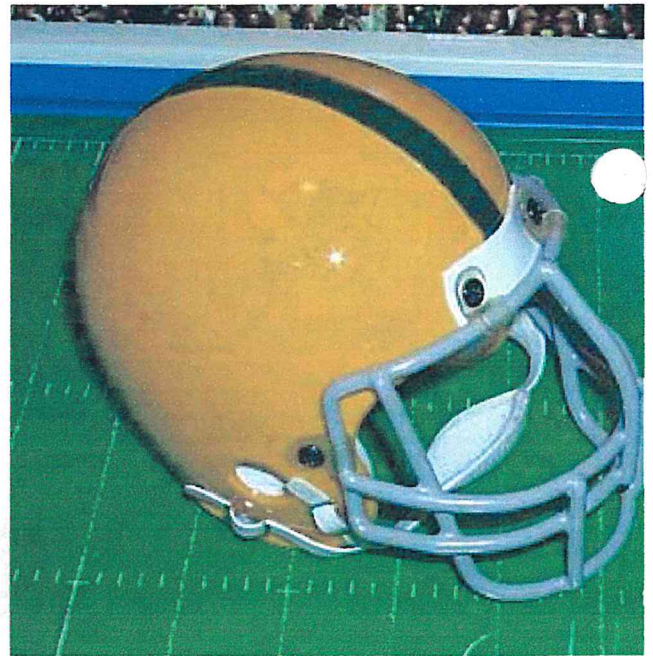


November 22, 2001 Special Throwback

Packers Mini Helmets:



Early 50's



Mid 50's



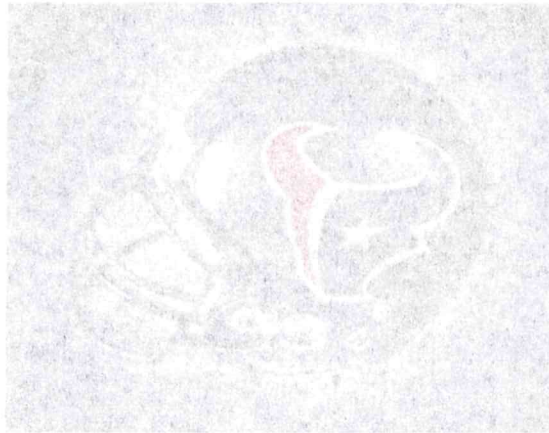
1959-1960

1961-1979

1980-Present



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HOUSTON TEXANS



Texans prototype - originally announced as the helmet they would wear when they begin play in 2002.



The Texans will wear this helmet when they begin play in 2002

Baltimore/Indianapolis Colts



1950 Bowman card (Bob Nowaskey). The original Colts wore green and white. These Colts were originally in the AAFC and played in the NFL for 1 year only (1950) before folding. The second coming of the Colts came in 1953 when Baltimore inherited the Dallas Texans (after that franchise failed after playing one season in 1952). The Texans wore blue and white - the reason the Colts have those colors today.



1954 Bowman Cards



Mid 50's navy helmet "shoes on the back" version

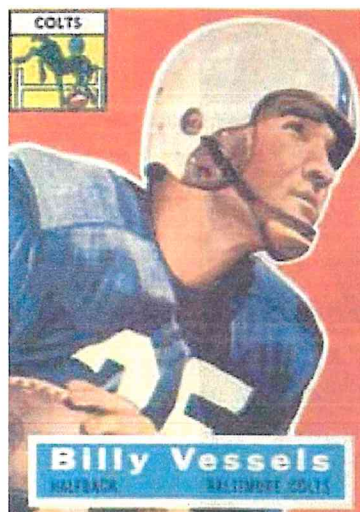


Alan Ameche in a 1956 Viceroy ad



This is a shot of George Shaw in a 1955 game vs the Bears. Many thanks to Ron Verrecchio for this pic and helping to finally date this helmet. Ron says the Colts won 23-17.

1955 Bowman Card



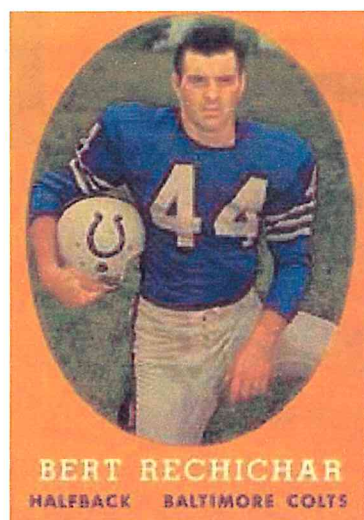
1956 Topps card.



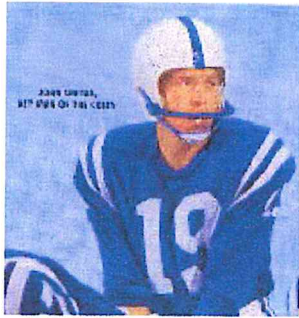
Johnny U wearing the white helmet "shoes on the back" version. From 1956



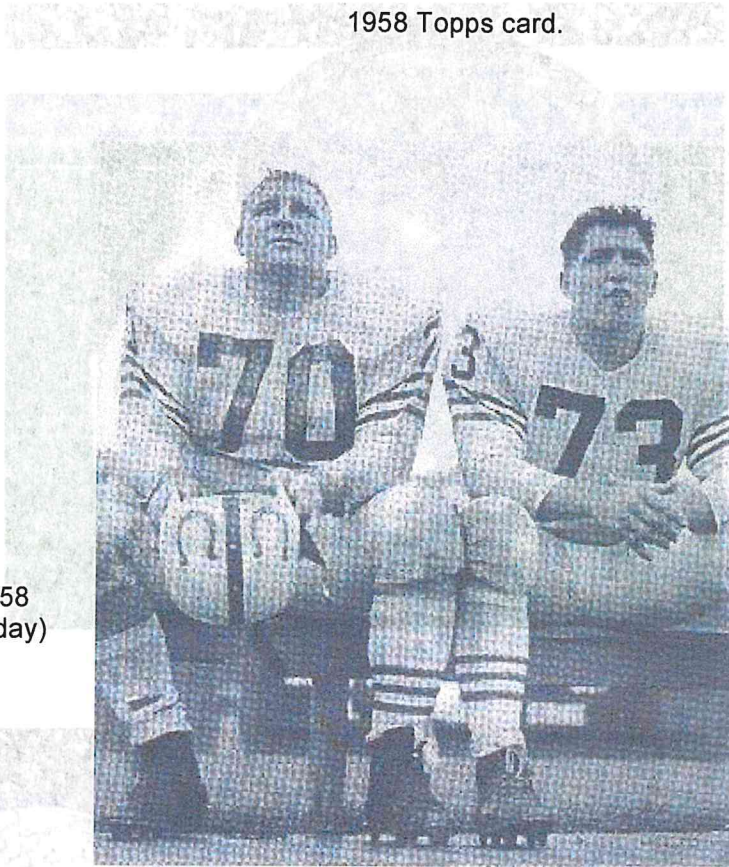
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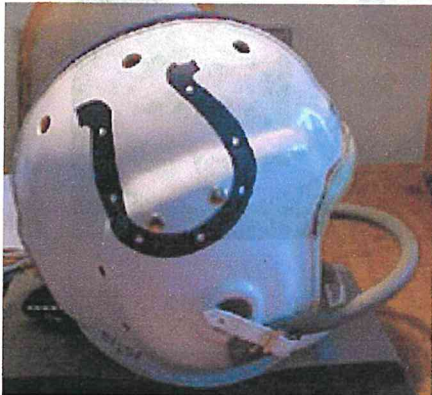
1958 Topps card.



From the cover of a December 1958 issue of Sport. A blue mask (like today) no side shoes version!!!

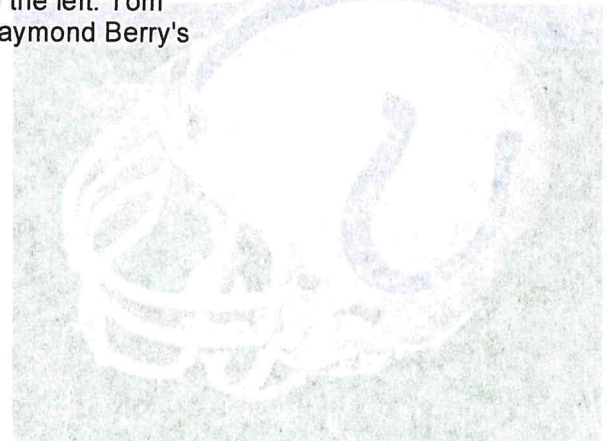
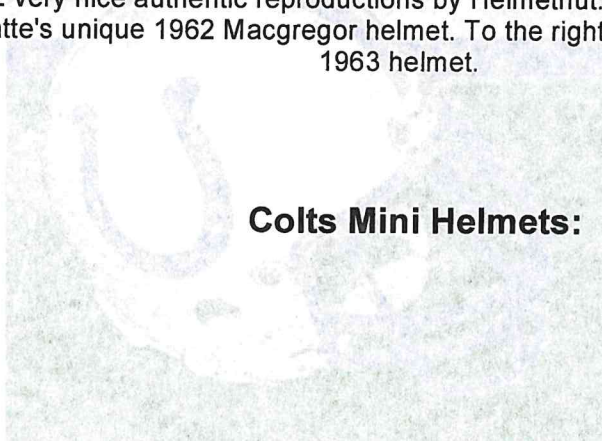


Mid 50's "shoes on the back" version



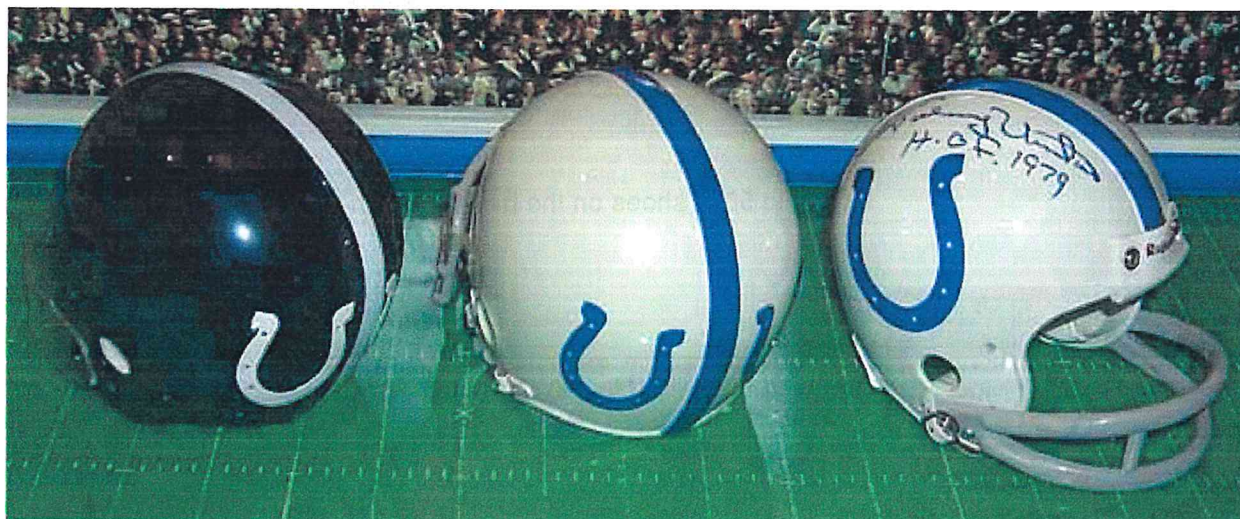
2 very nice authentic reproductions by Helmethut. To the left: Tom Matte's unique 1962 Macgregor helmet. To the right: Raymond Berry's 1963 helmet.

Colts Mini Helmets:





1953

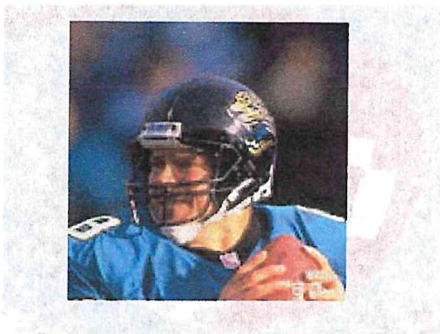


1954-1955

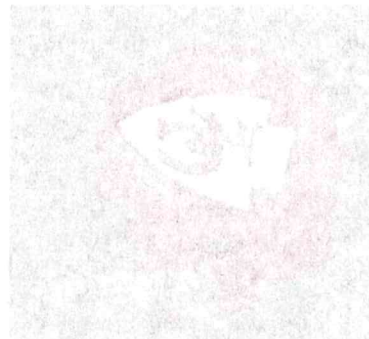
1956

1957-1977
Johnny Unitas Autographed

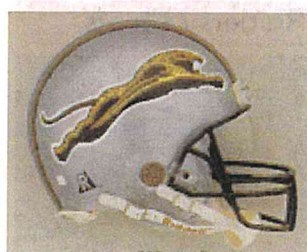
Jacksonville Jaguars



Current Jaguars Helmet



One of the prototypes that never made it to the field



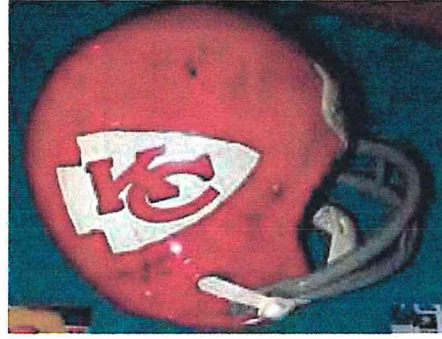
Another of the prototypes that never made it to the field

Jacksonville Jaguars Mini Helmets:



The Jaguars Helmet History - the 2 silver helmets never made it to a regular season game due to legal problems with the car company. The black helmet is from 1995 - Present.

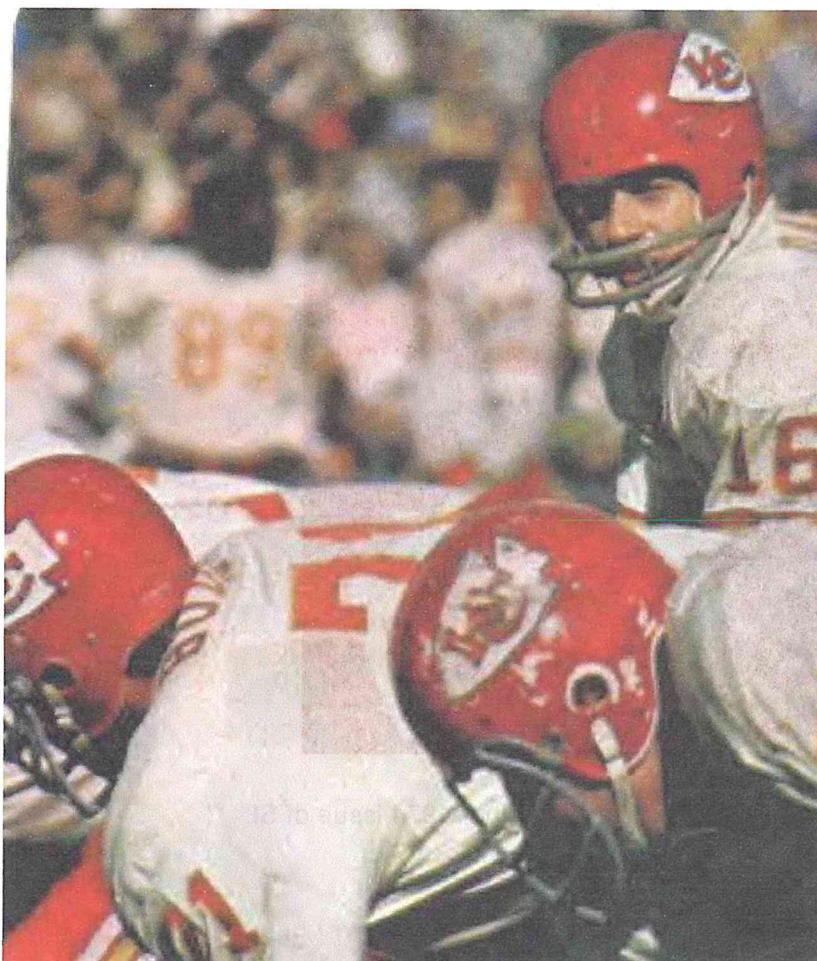
Kansas City Chiefs



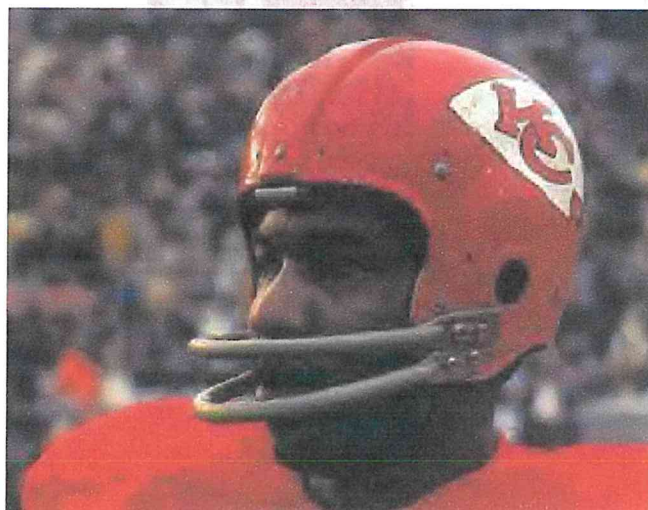
1963 - 1973: Gray mask, large arrowhead, thin black outline version.



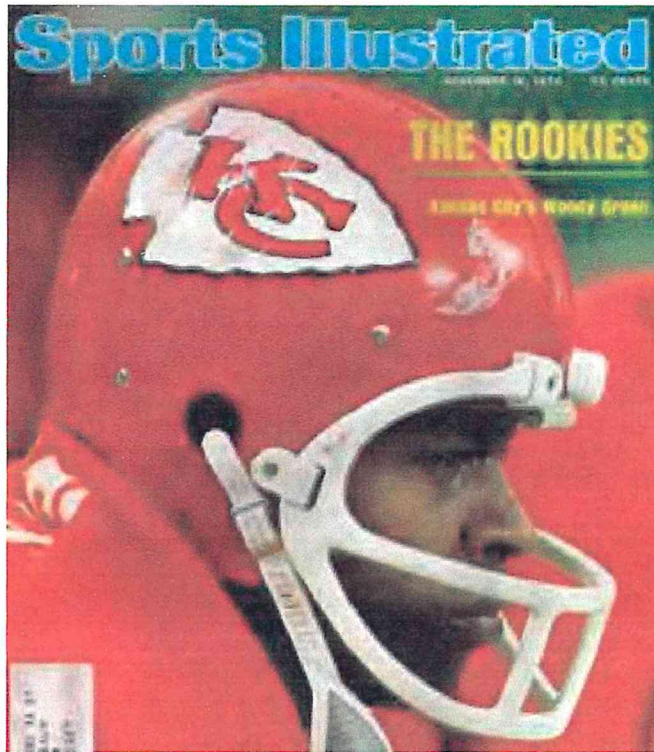
From the cover of a 1968 game program



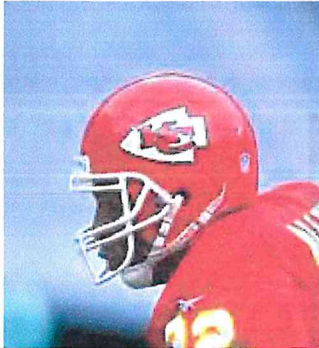
Lenny Dawson under center. From the cover of a 1970 issue of Quarterback Magazine



Otis Taylor in the late 60's. Note that he is wearing 2 single bar masks.



Woody Green. From the cover of a November 1974 issue of SI.

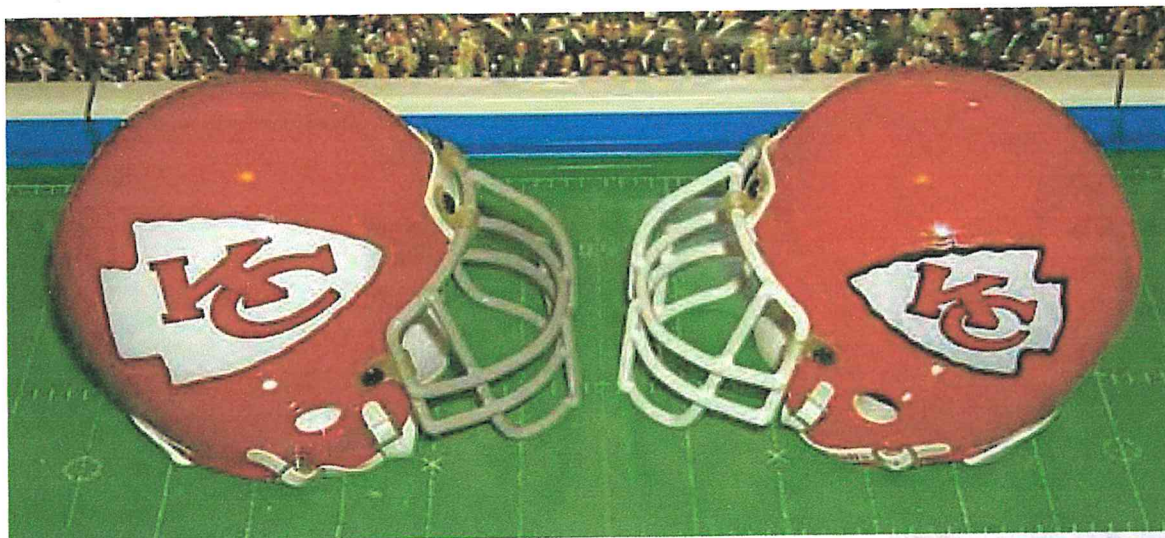


Current Chiefs Helmet



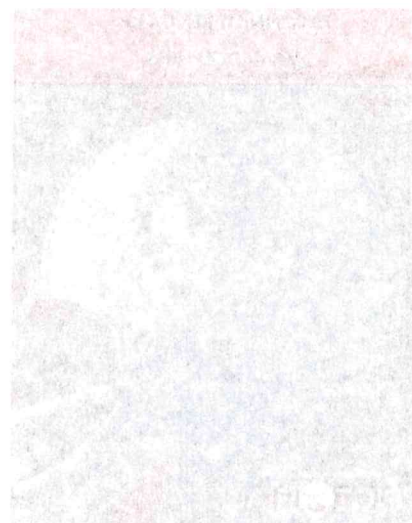
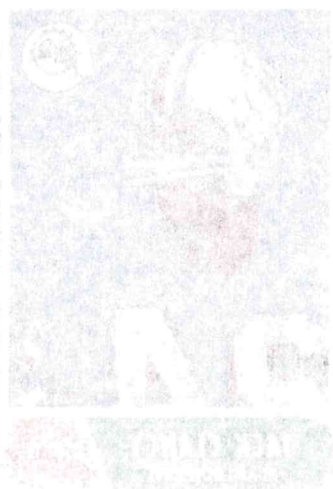
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K.C Chiefs Mini's:

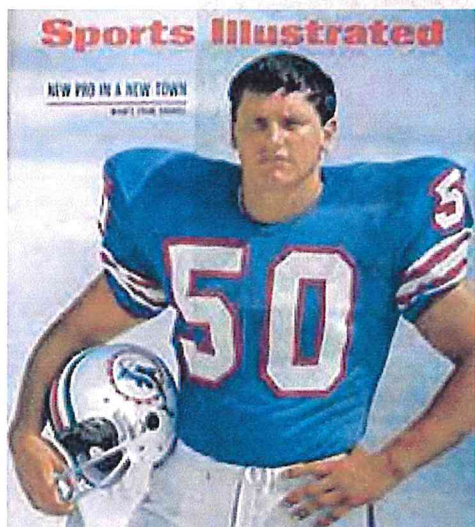


1963 - 1973

1974 - Present



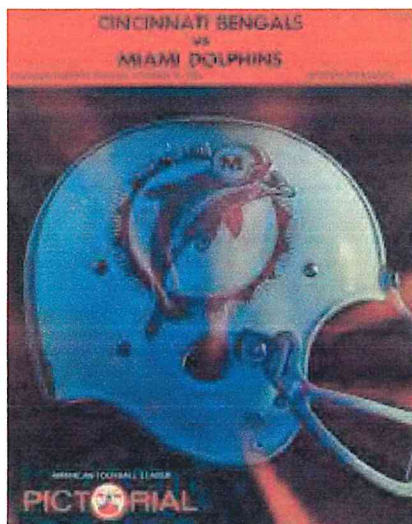
Miami Dolphins



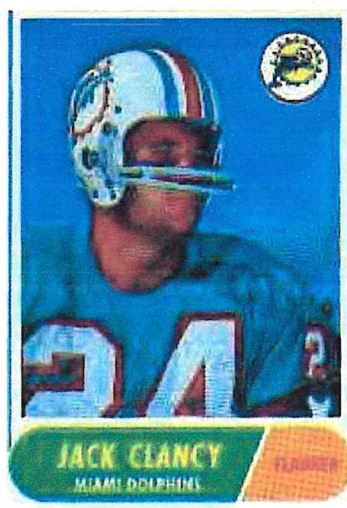
August 8, 1966 issue of SI. Their original helmet - "dolphin in the hoop version"



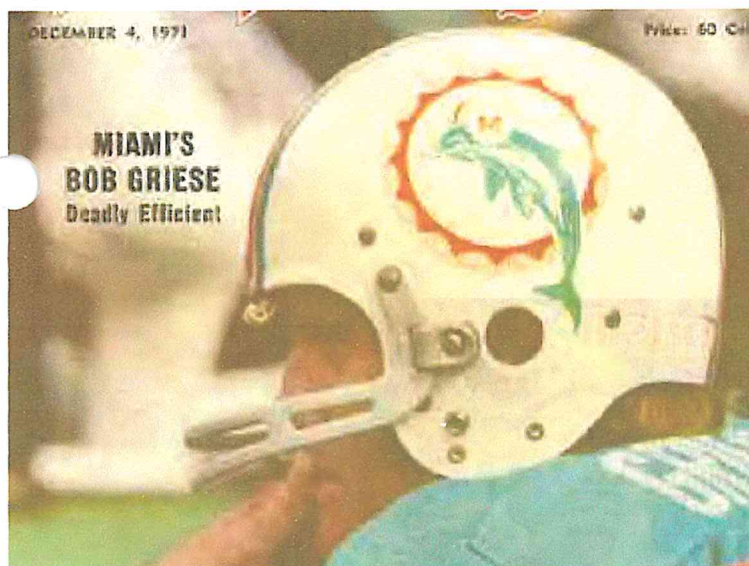
1966 Topps card. Dolphin "across hoop/sun" version.



1968 Game Program. Dolphin "across hoop/sun" version.



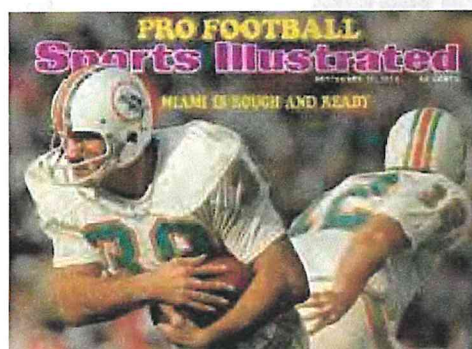
1968 Topps card. Dolphin "across hoop/sun" version.



From 1971 - "head inside version"



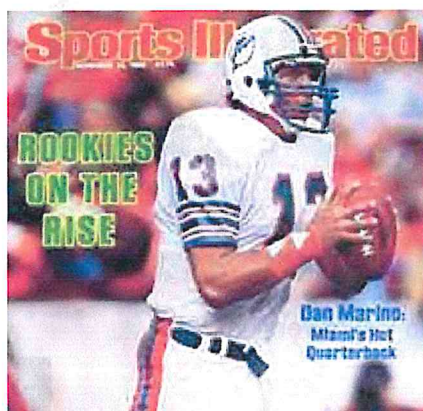
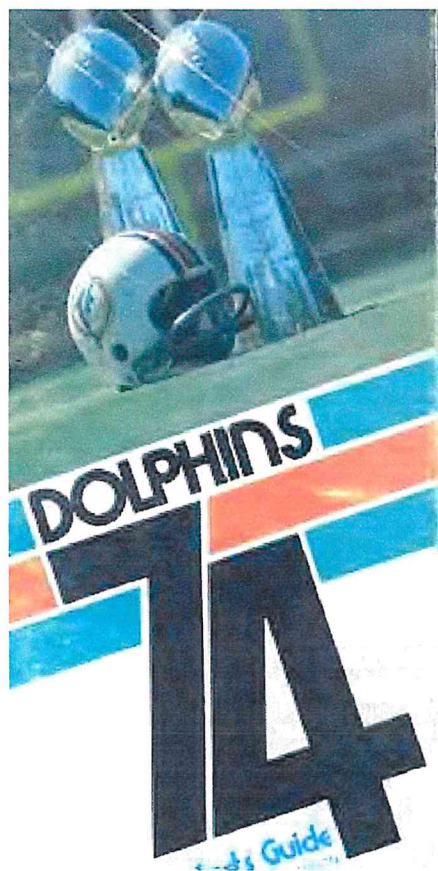
Authentic helmet reproduction of
Larry Czonka's 1972 helmet



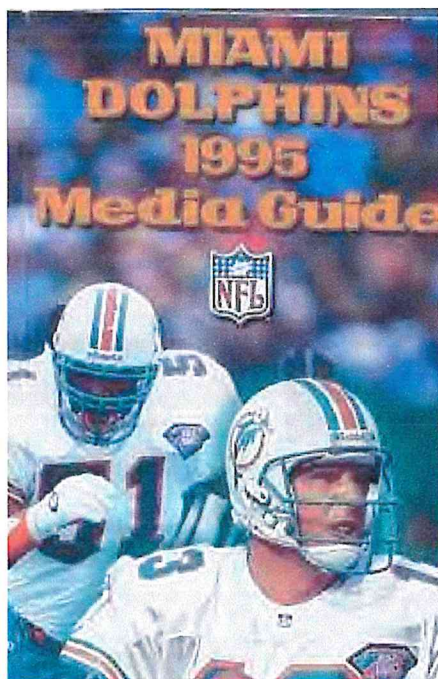
From a 1973 SI (pic from '72)



From a January 1974 Sport
Magazine



From a November 1983 issue of SI



Current Dolphins Helmet

Dolphins Mini Helmets:



1966, early 70's

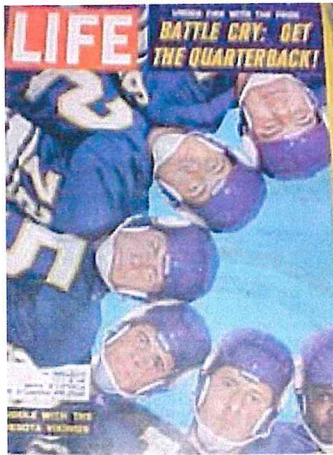
1980 - 1996

1997 - Present



late 60's & mid to late 70's

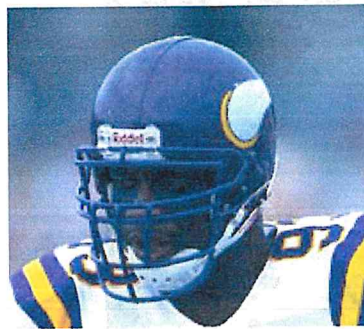
Minnesota Vikings



"No Masks" from a 1961 issue of Life

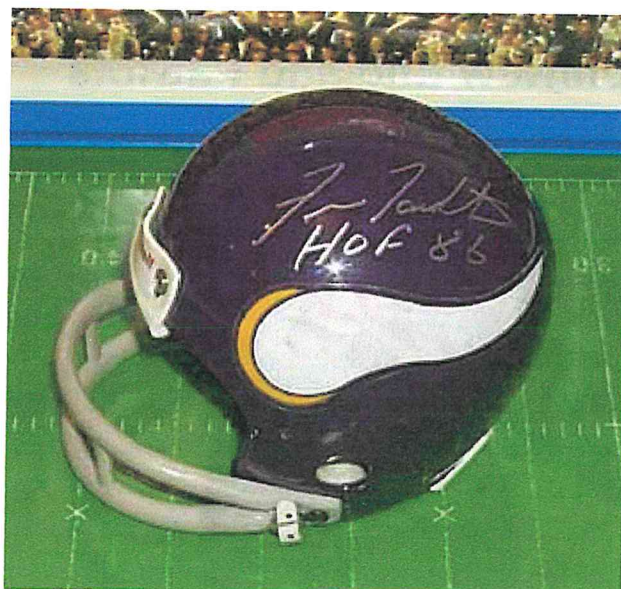


From 1962

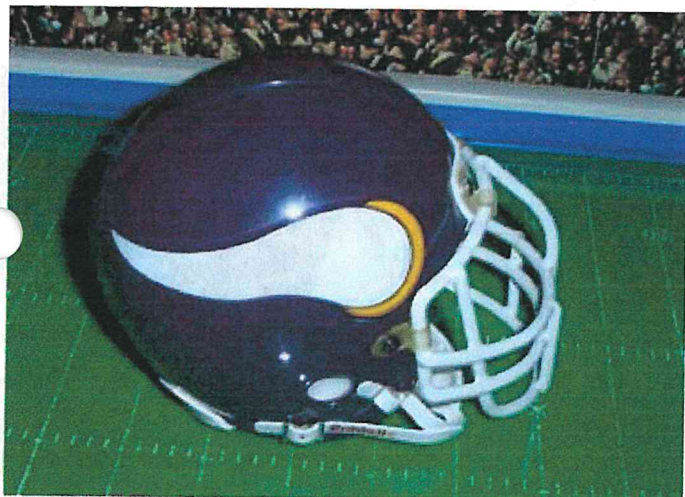


Current Vikings Helmet

Vikings Mini Helmets:



Fran Tarkenton autographed Mini
Helmet
1961-1979 version



White mask version: 1980 - 1984

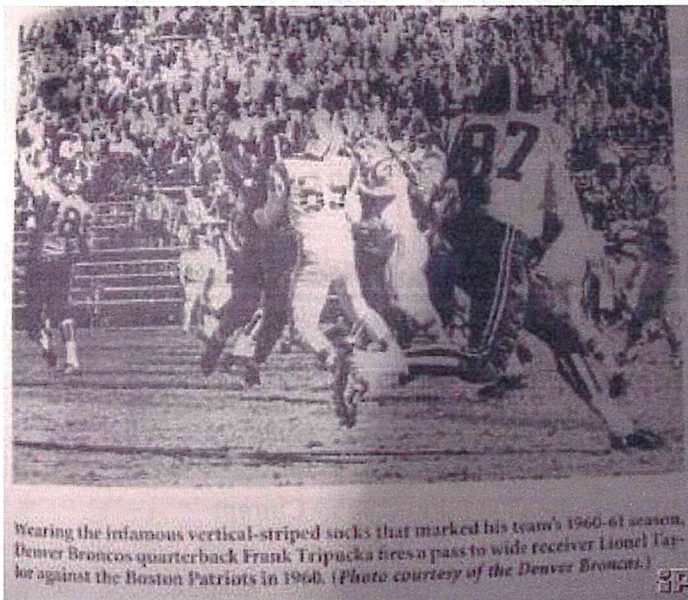


Purple mask version: 1985 - Current

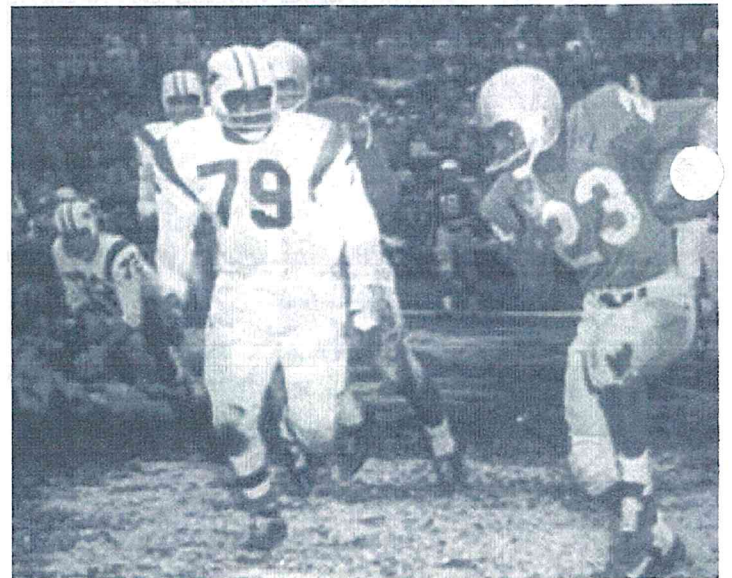
Boston/New England Patriots



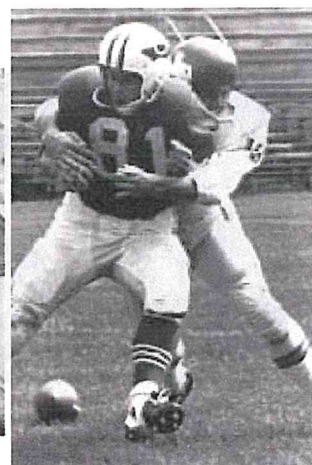
The 1960 "hat" version. 12/18/60 game at Houston



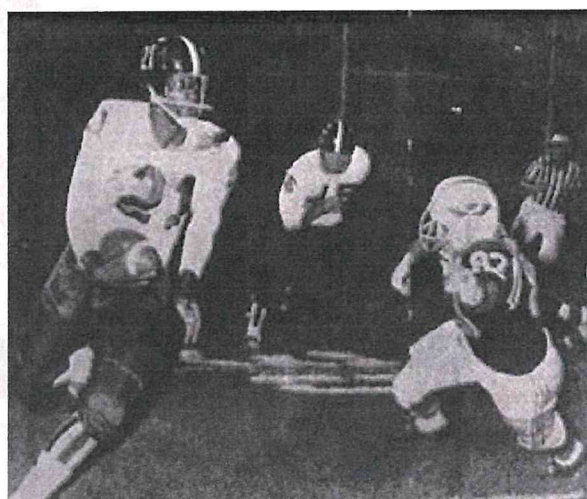
The 1960 "hat" version. 10/23/60 game at Denver



The 1960 "hat" version. 12/4/60 game at Buffalo



These 3 pictures are from 2 1960 pre-season games in Boston (against Buffalo and Dallas). Note the absence of helmet #'s.



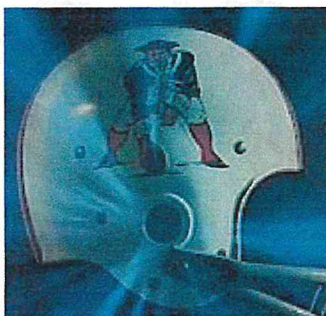
This is a shot from the very first regular season AFL game. Denver at Boston, September 9, 1960.



Patriots plain helmet 1964 against Houston. This may have been a pre-season game.

BOSTON PATRIOTS 1960 Pro Football Schedule	
Away Games	
Sep. 18-Boston at New York	
Oct. 3-Boston at Los Angeles	
Oct. 16-Boston at Oakland	
Oct. 23-Boston at Denver	
Dec. 4-Boston at Buffalo	
Dec. 11-Boston at Dallas	
Dec. 18-Boston at Houston	
Season tickets available at 520 Commonwealth Ave., Boston	

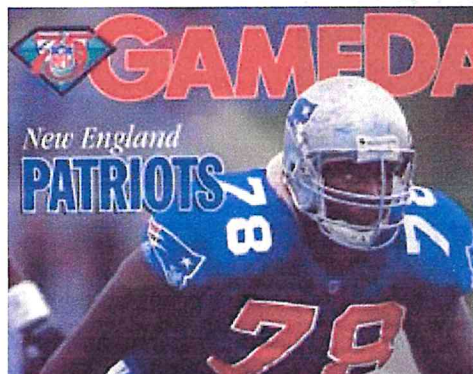
This 1960 schedule shows that the "Hiking Minutman" logo existed a year before the Pats decided to use it on their helmets.



From a 1968 Game Program



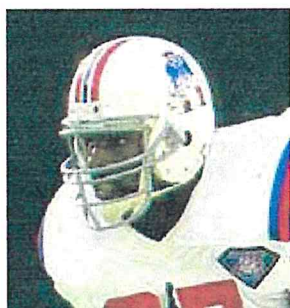
Leon Crosswhite's game worn MacGregor helmet. Thanks to Helmet Hut for this image.



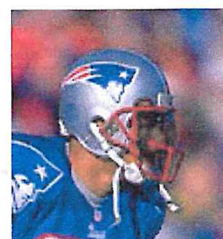
Pats 1993 "gray mask" version



Mid 80's White Mask/Enlarged Decal Variation

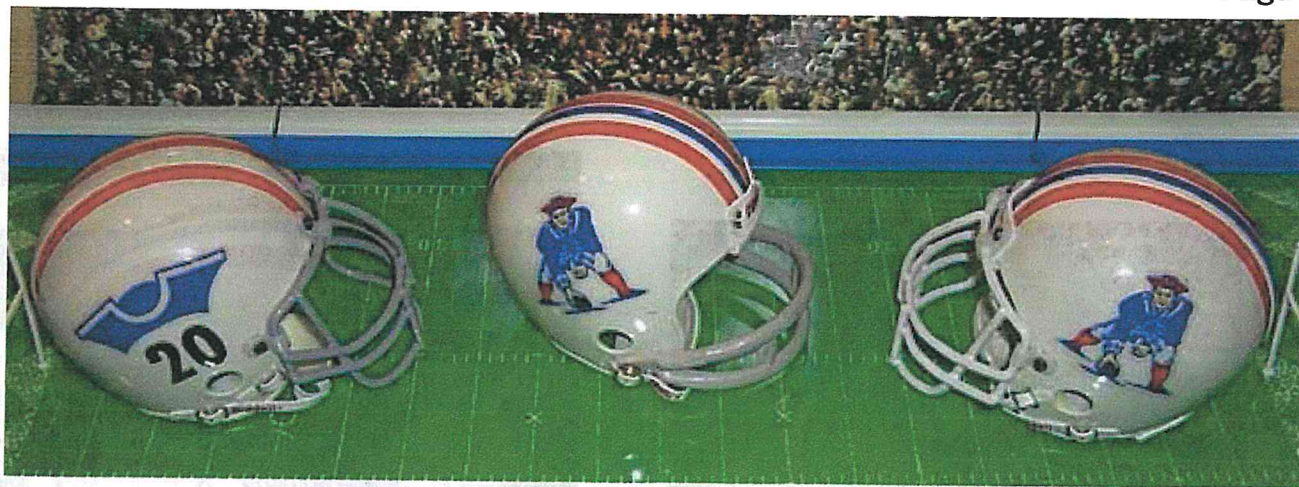


1994 Special Throwback



Patriots helmet 1994-1999

Patriots Mini helmets:



1960

1965-1981

1982-1989



1961 - 1964



2000 - current

1990-1992

1994-1999

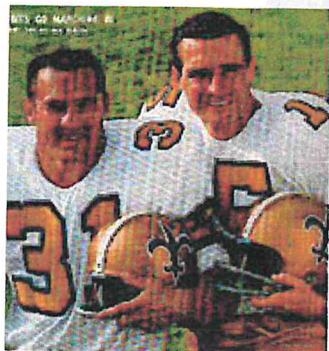


1993

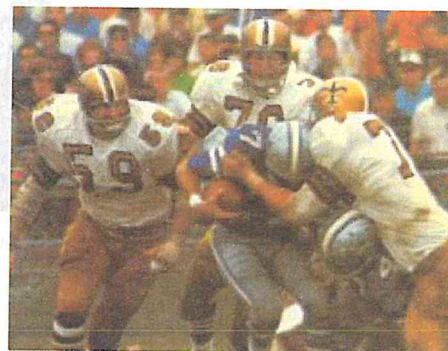


1982-1989: Larger decal version

New Orleans Saints



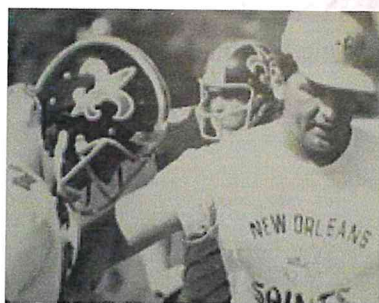
1967: Jim Taylor and Gary Cuzzo holding the "Single White Stripe" pre-season version. This variation may not have ever made it to a pre-season game



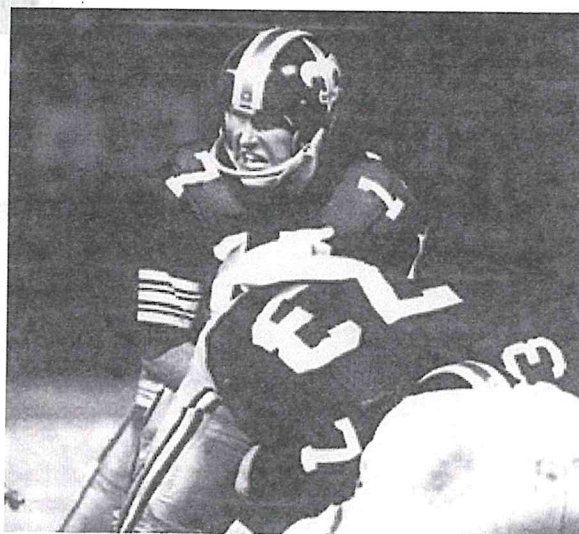
1969 Saints Media Guide showing the 1968 white-Black-white stripe variation.



Custom reproduction by Helmethut of the 1968 white-Black-white stripe variation.



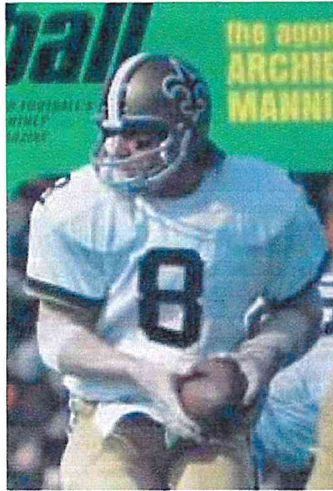
1969 pre-season variation



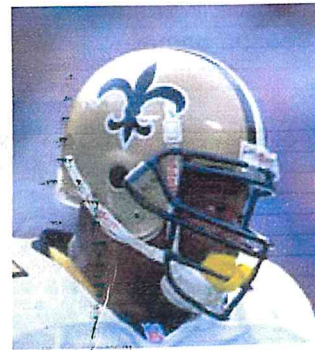
Billy Kilmer, 1969 pre-season variation



Custom reproduction by Helmethut of the 1969 pre-season helmet



Peyton's dad - 8/74 issue of FB Digest

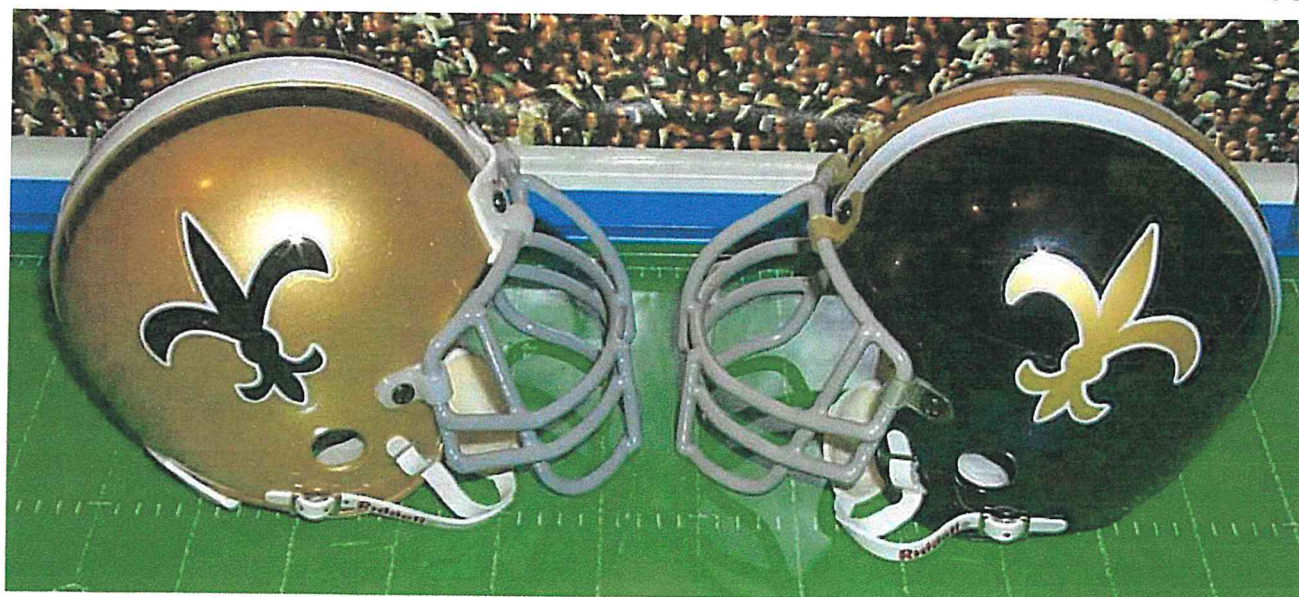


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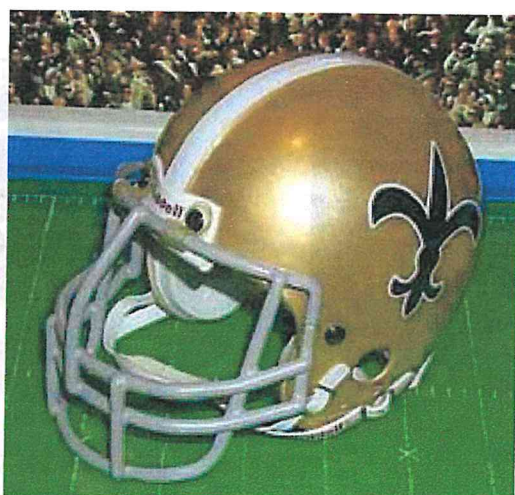
Current Saints Helmet w/black outline

Saints Mini Helmets:



1967-1975

1969 Pre-season



1967 Pre-season



1968 stripe variation

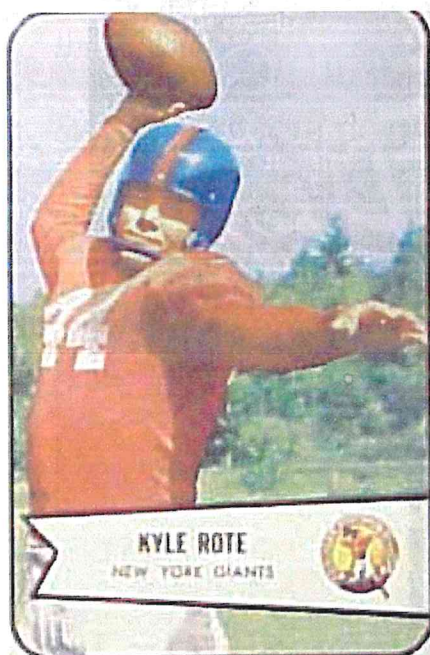


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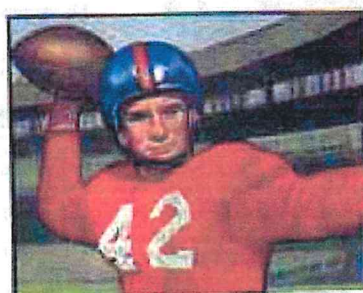
New York Giants



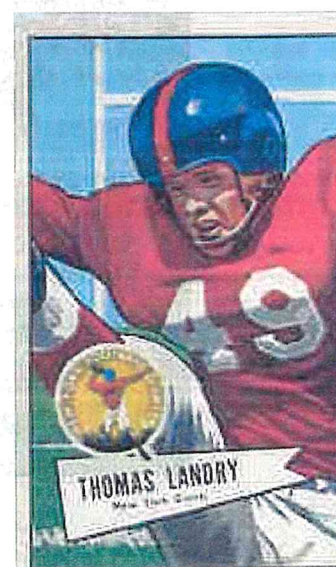
From 1936



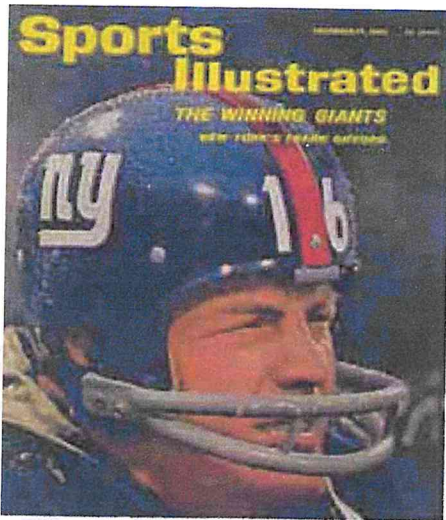
1954 Bowman Card



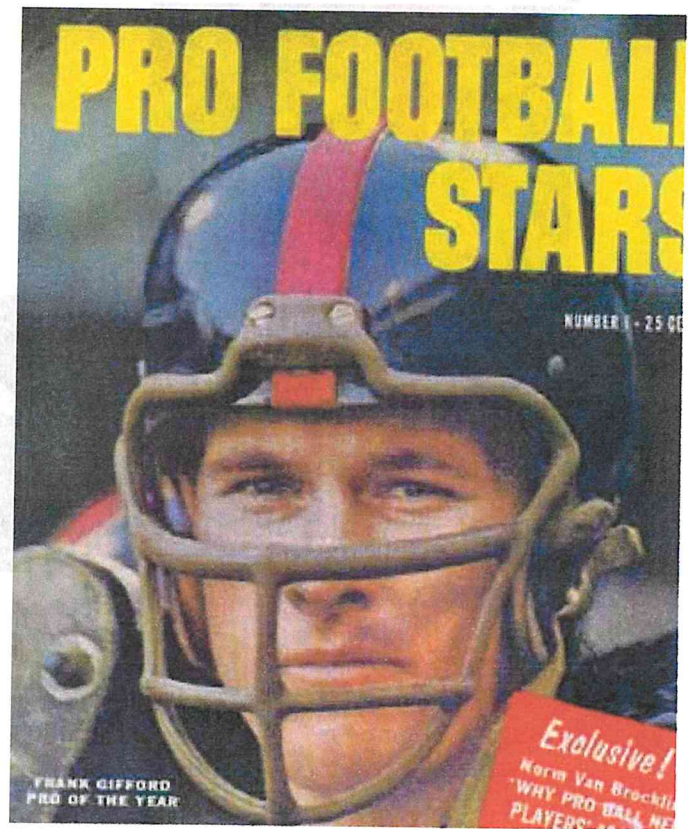
Charlie Connerly's 1950 Bowman Card



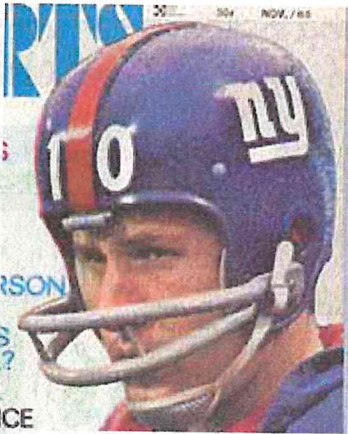
The future Cowboys head coach. 1952 Bowman Card



Another great shot of Gifford in 1962 wearing my favorite throwback helmet!



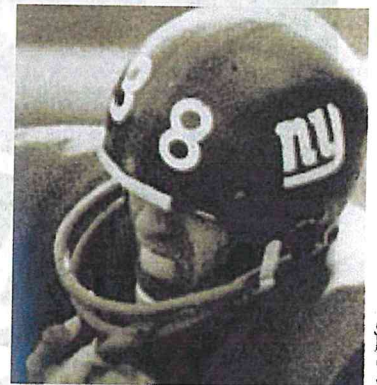
Great shot of Frank Gifford from 1956



Fran Tarkenton on the cover of a November 1969 magazine.



Custom reproduction of Gifford's helmet, made by Helmethut.



Huge numbers from around 1973



Craig Morton wearing the 1975 version.



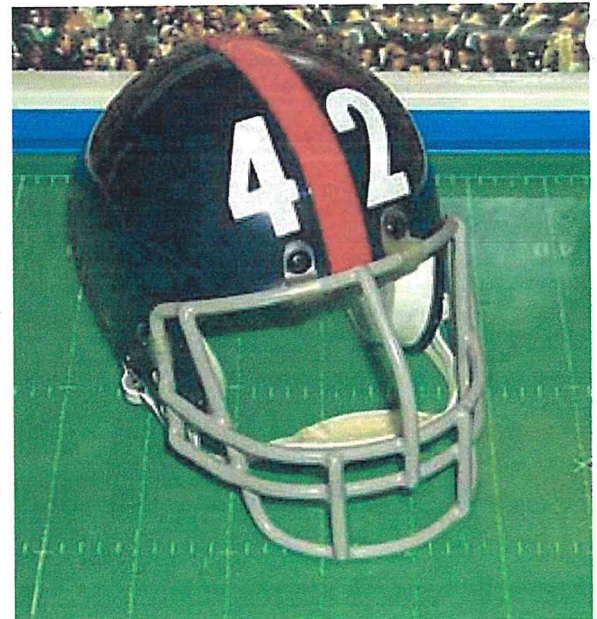
1981 - 1999

The 1994 Special Throwback

Giants Mini Helmets:



1950 - 1956



1957 - 1960



1961-1974 version. Customized with EmlenTunnel's #45!

1975 version.

1976 - 1980



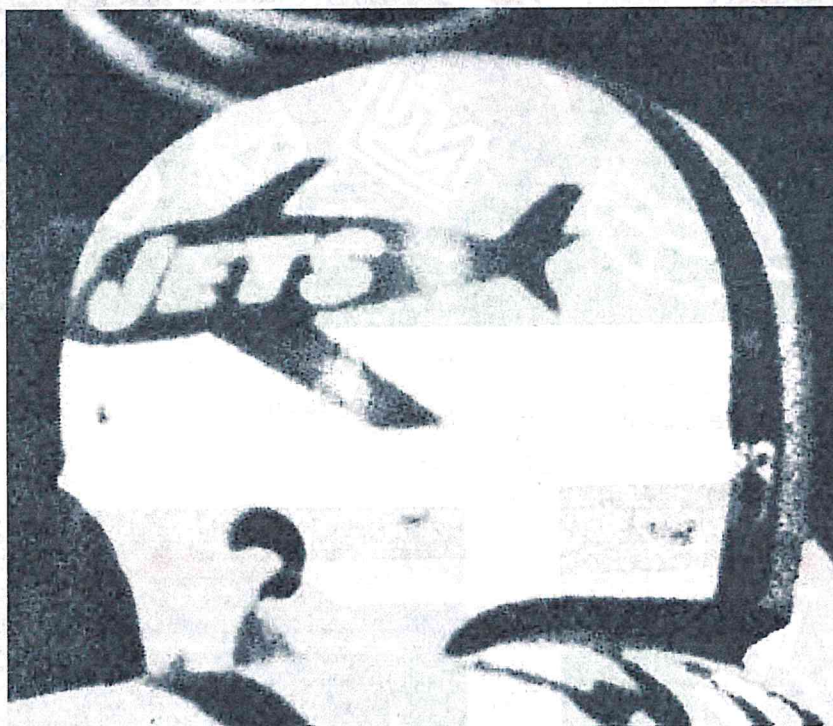
1961-1974 version. Homer Jones custom mini #45! My favorite player of all time!!



1981 - 1999



New York Jets



1963 "Jet Airplane" Version

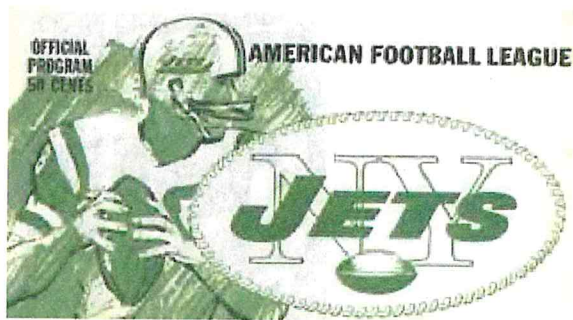


December 8, 1963 at Buffalo

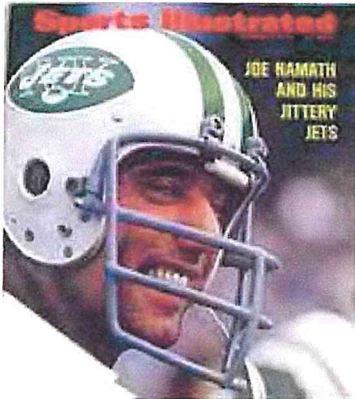


1964 "White Oval" Version.
The Namath picture to the right is interesting in that Namath's rookie year was 1965. This variation may have been in place for part of 1965 or maybe just the pre-season.

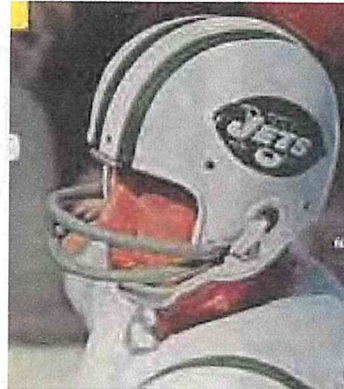




Interesting drawing of a player wearing the sleek jet logo from a 1964 game program. The Jets would use this logo on a green helmet a decade later.



Namath from a 1972 SI



Joe Willie Namath - November 1967



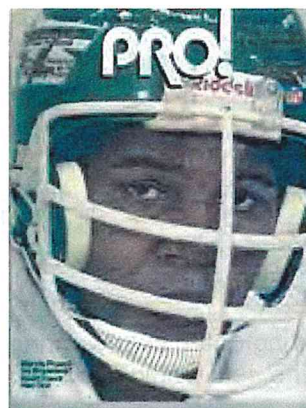
Custom reproduction by Helmethut of John Riggins early 70's helmet



Ken O'Brien



Custom reproduction by
Helmethut.



1981 Pro Magazine



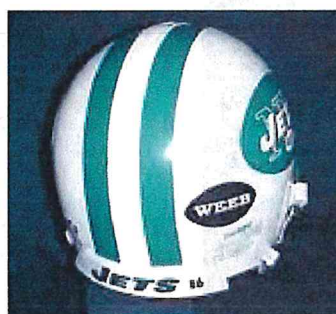
The 1993 "1 game Throwback". Worn only for 1 game (Week 12 vs the Bengals).

This was to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the 1968/69 Championship.
The next year, stripes would be added for the 1994 "Special TB".

Thanks to Matthew Stratton for the pics & info



The 1994 Special Throwback



Late 1998 Jets Helmet. This is a custom Vinny Testaverde helmet made by Helmethut with the WEEB decal paying tribute to former Jet coach Weeb Ewbank who died in November 1998.

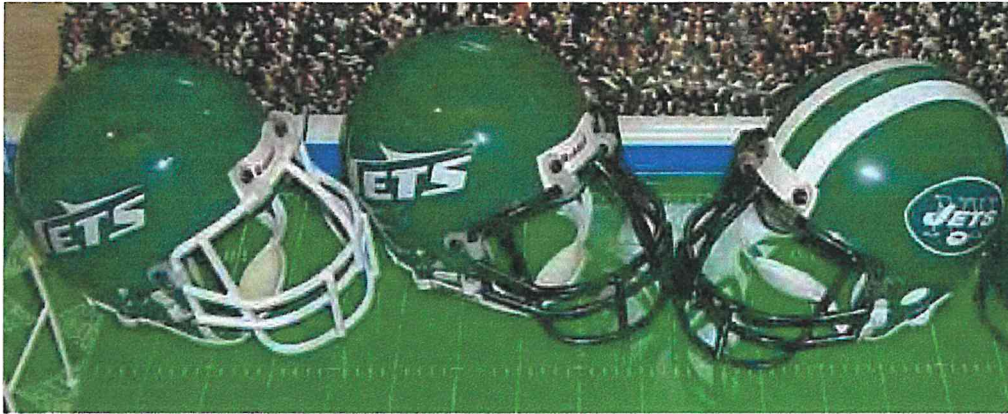
Jets Mini Helmets



1963

1964

1965 - 1977



1978 - 1989

1990 - 1997

1994 Special TB



1998 - Present

Oakland/L.A Raiders



The Raiders first ever game. Wearing plain black helmets July 31, 1960 for this pre-season game against the Texans at Oakland. Thanks to Ken Draznik for this image.



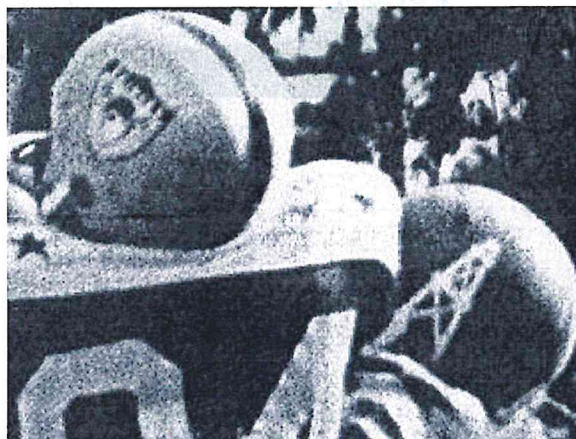
Clem Daniels running the ball against the NY Titans. This is in either 1961 or 1962, as no Miller played for Oakland in 1960.



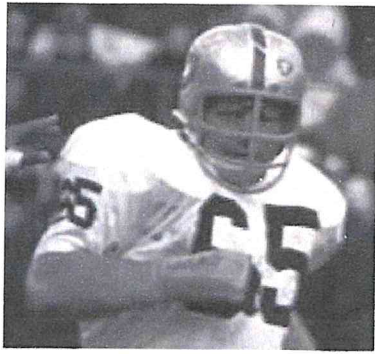
9/30/1962 at home against San Diego



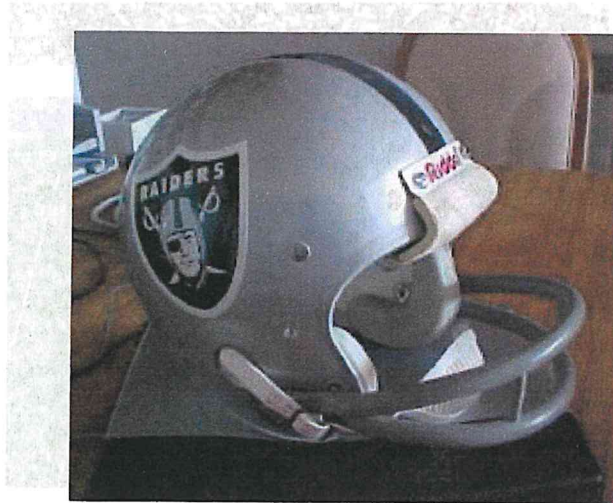
Clem Daniels black with white stripe version



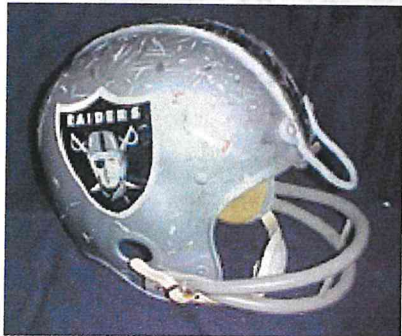
1963 "white shield" version



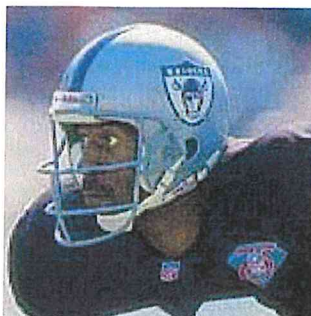
1968 or 1969 with unique "award decal"



Cliff Branch's helmet. Game used and re-conditioned by Helmethut.

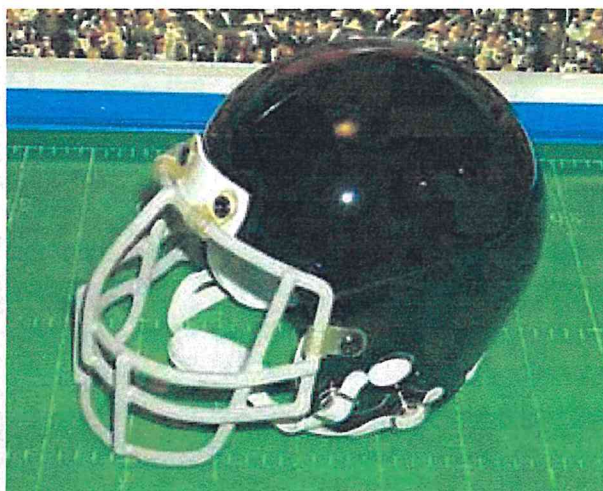


Game worn Jim Otto helmet. These photos courtesy of Helmethut.



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Raiders Mini Helmets:



1960 (pre season)



1960/61 - 1962

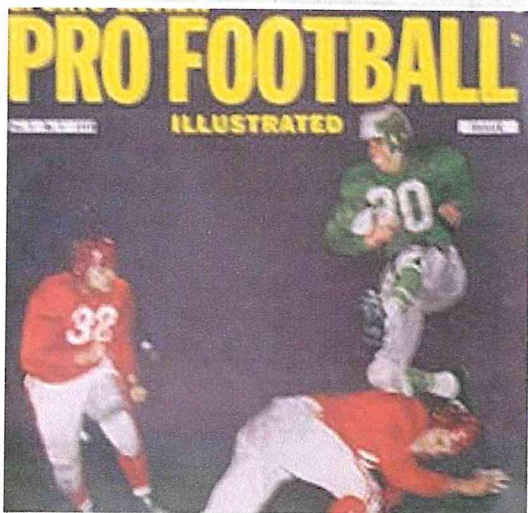
1963

1964-Present

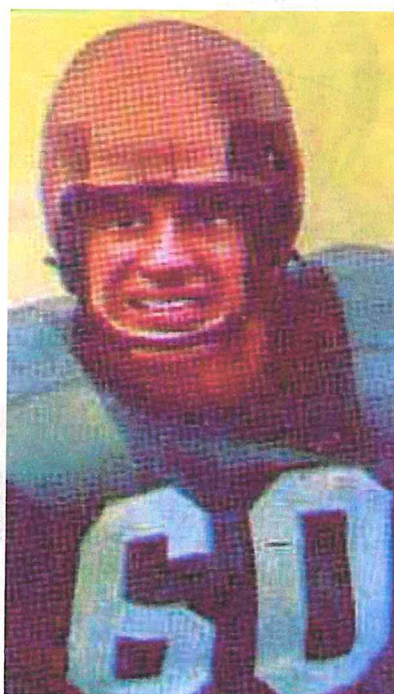
Philadelphia Eagles



Eagles "feather stripe" on leather helmets from 1948



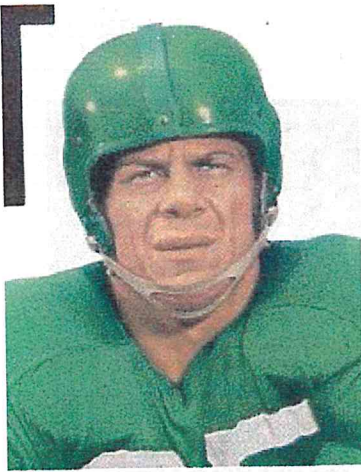
1949 magazine showing the Eagles against the Chicago Cardinals (I think). Is the feather white, gray or silver?



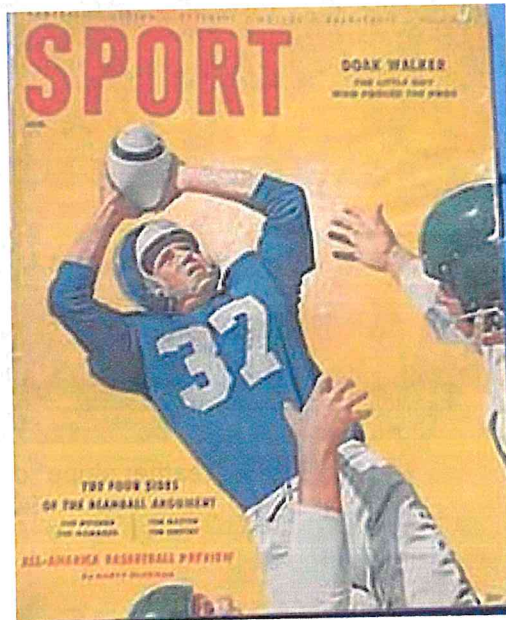
Rare color photo (albeit poor) of the 1949 helmet. This is Chuck Bednarik's 1953 Bowman card.



1953 Bowman card.



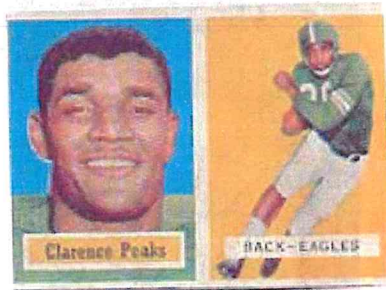
January 1955 issue of Sport. Pete Pihos.



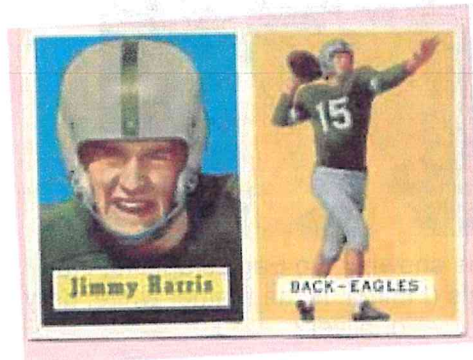
January 1956 issue - are these Eagles defending Doak?



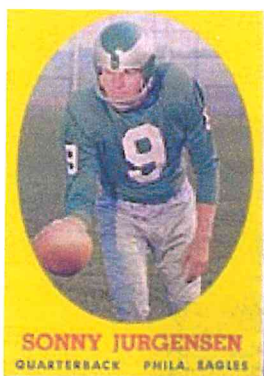
1955 Bowman card.



1957 Topps card. Peaks played only one year for the Eagles (1957). Could this be his Michigan State helmet?



1957 Topps card. Did the Eagles wear this version? Harris played only 1 year (1957) for the Eagles. I don't think this is his college (Oklahoma) picture??



1958 Topps card.



Norm Van Brocklin in 1960



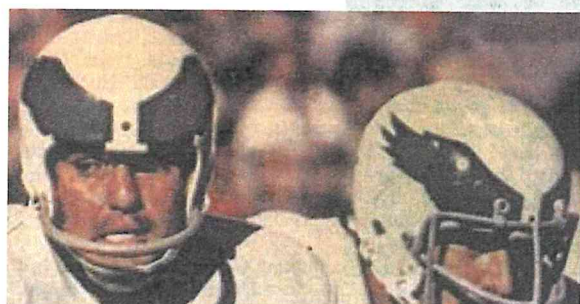
Bobby Walston's 1960 game worn helmet. Image provided by Helmethut



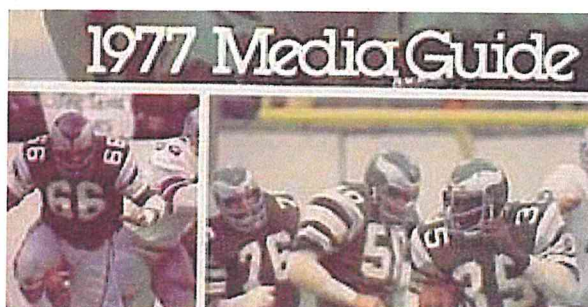
Norm Snead in 1970

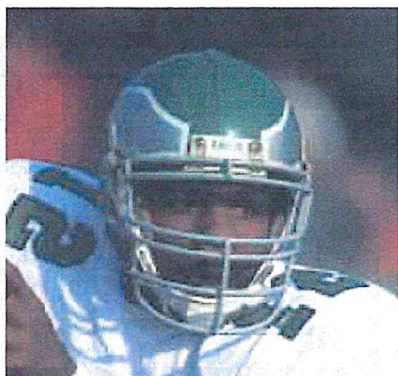


1973 green wing with black outline version produced by Helmethut



Roman Gabriel (left) wearing the 1973 black outlined wing version. Image courtesy of Helmethut



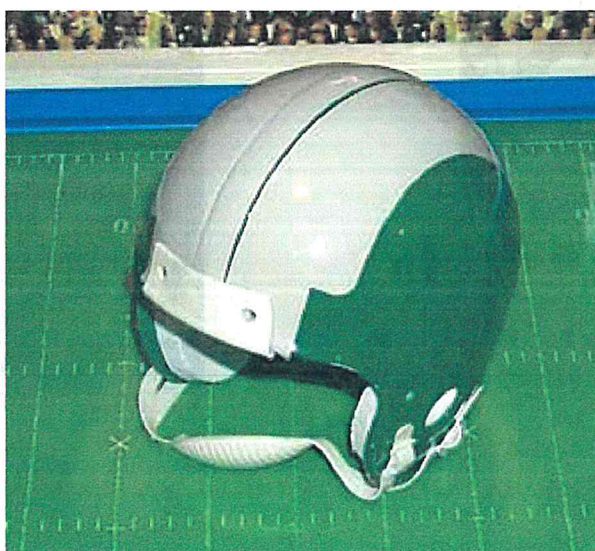


Cunningham with "offset wings"



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Eagles Mini Helmets



1949



Late 50's - 1969

1969 - 1973

1974 - 1995

1996 - Present



1994 Special Throwback

Pittsburgh Steelers



1958 Topps card



1954 Bowman card

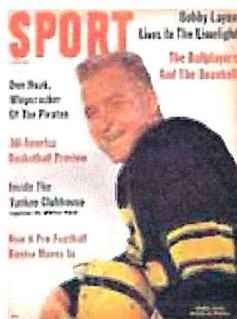


1955 Topps card

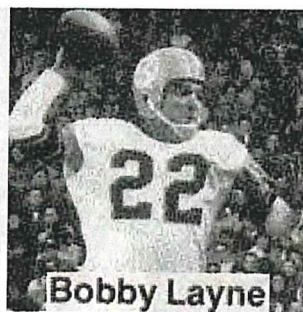
The 2 right cards must have been taken pre-1954, as the Steelers had added the black stripe (like the 1958 card) by 1954.



c. 1961 vs the Niners



Bobby Layne 1960

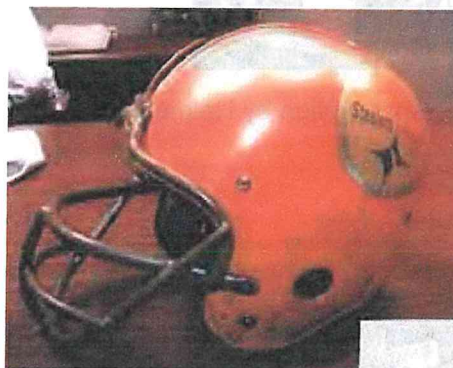


Bobby Layne

1962 "Steel" version



More 1962 yellow helmets with "Steel" logo. Bobby Layne to the left an unidentified lineman to the right. Thanks to Kurt Sanger for providing me these images.



Lou's 1963 Topps card

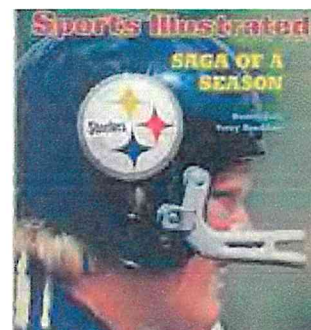
Unexplainable photo from the Pro Football Hall of Fame. This is supposedly a helmet worn by Lou Michaels in 1962 or 1963. I've never seen a game picture or a Steeler helmet with the logo on the left side????



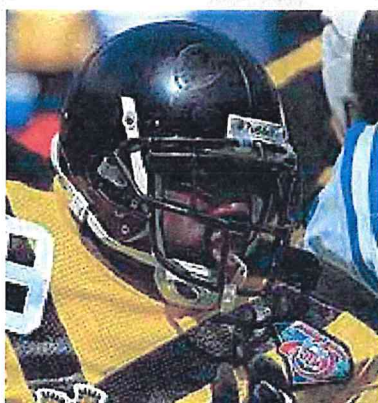
Also from Canton - this is the helmet worn by Bobby Layne in his last game as a Steeler. This game was the "Steel Bowl" against the Lions in January of 1963. This was the first time the Steelers wore a black helmet. The Supris logo says "Steelers" and not "Steel". This image and the Lou Michaels helmet above are courtesy of the Pro Football Hall Of Fame.



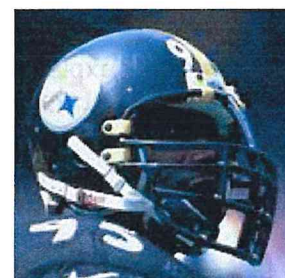
Rocky Bleier custom reproduction by Helmethut



Mid 70's: Bradshaw w/his unique m:

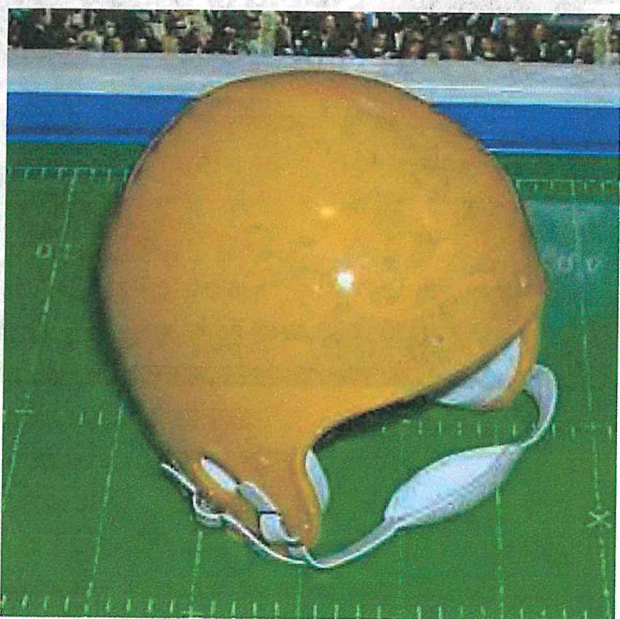


The 1994 Special Throwback

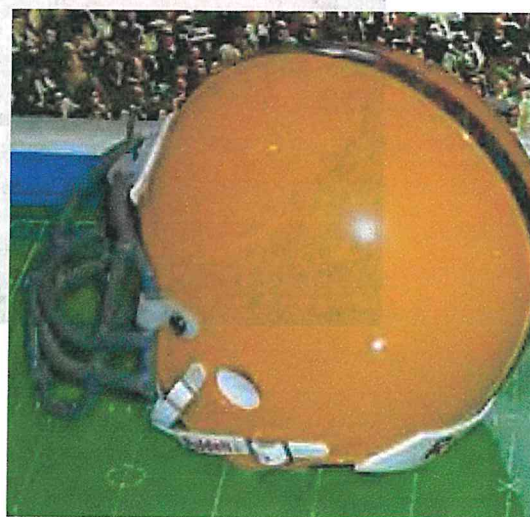


Current Steelers Helmet

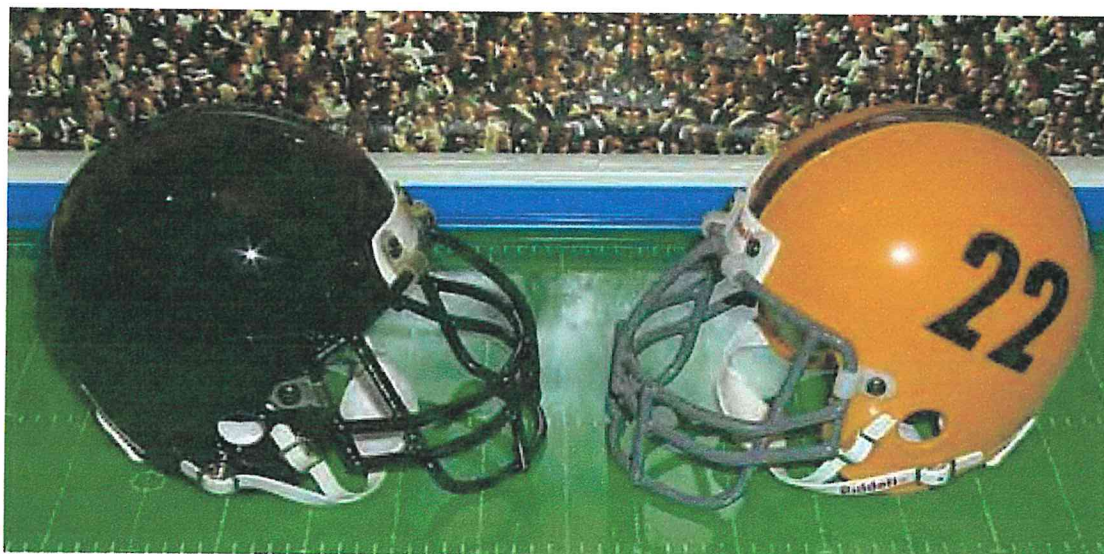
Steelers Mini Helmets:



Early 50's



1954 - 1958



1994 Special Throwback

1959 - 1961 model customized #22
for Bobby Layne

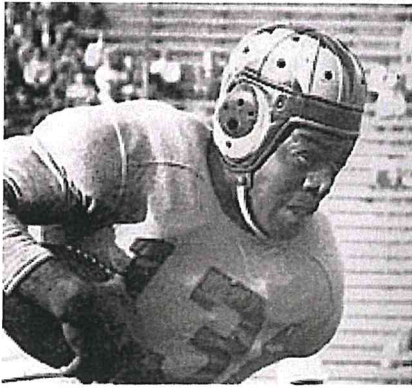


1962

1963-1976

1977-Presen

Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams



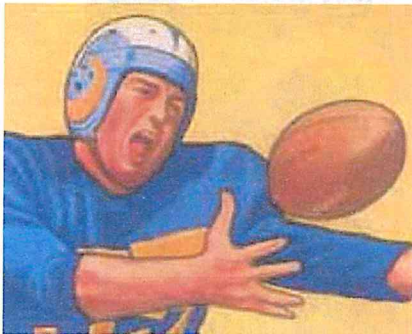
Tank Younger wearing the leather Ram helmet. Tank joined the Rams in 1949.



"Horn above the ear hole" version. This is from the 1949 Championship Game against the Eagles



1949 "Horn above the ear hole" version.



Tom Fears 1950 Bowman Card

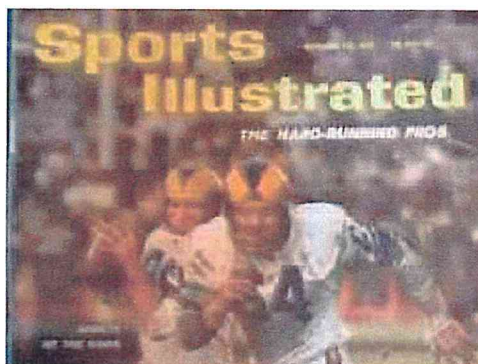


Norm Van Broklyn's 1951 Bowman Card

These Bowman cards are intriguing. Did the Rams really wear a two color ram horn - or even a white horn variation in the early 50's?



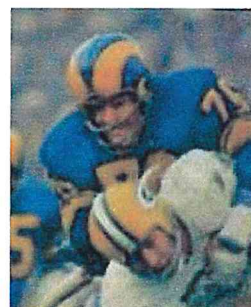
Ollie Matson running against Detroit. Circa 1959



10/23/61 issue of SI



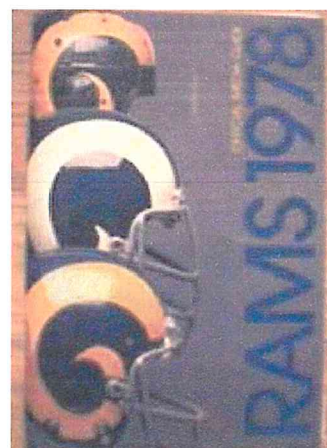
Roman Gabriel



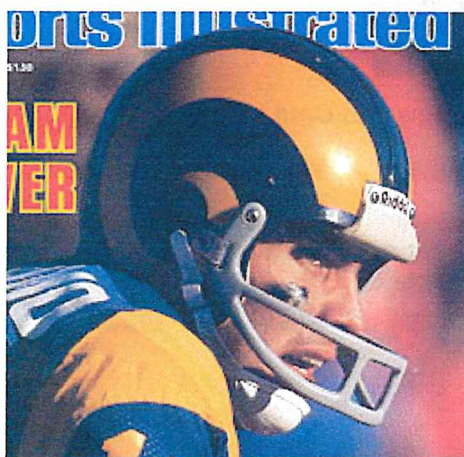
1964



John Hadl



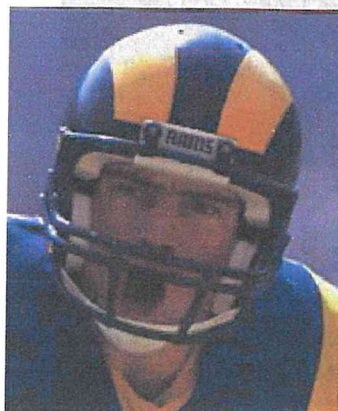
Early 50's-1978



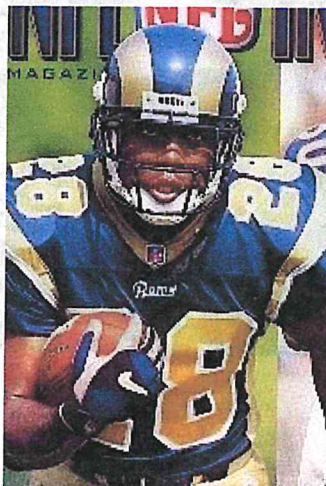
Vince Ferragamo in 1980.



From 1981 w/Navy Blue mask

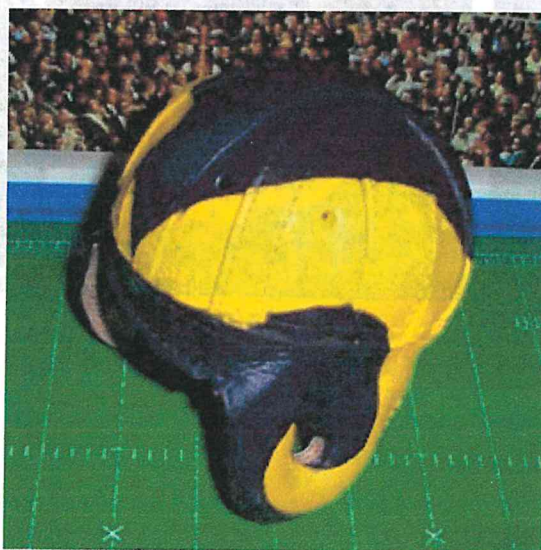


1981-1999 version



Marshall Faulk wearing the new 2000 helmet

Rams Mini Helmets:



Late 40's style hand painted mini from Past Time Sports.



1949

1965-1972

1981-1999



1950-1964, 1973-1980



2000 - Current

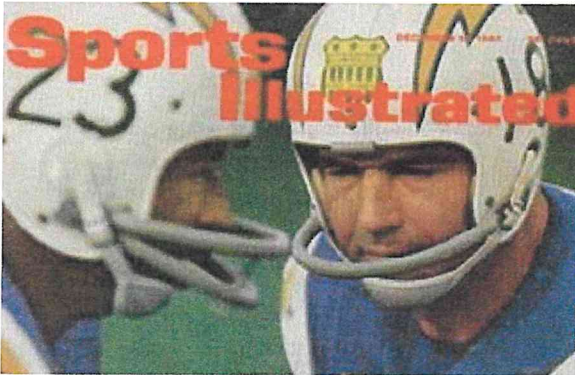


My cat Pepper

L.A./San Diego Chargers



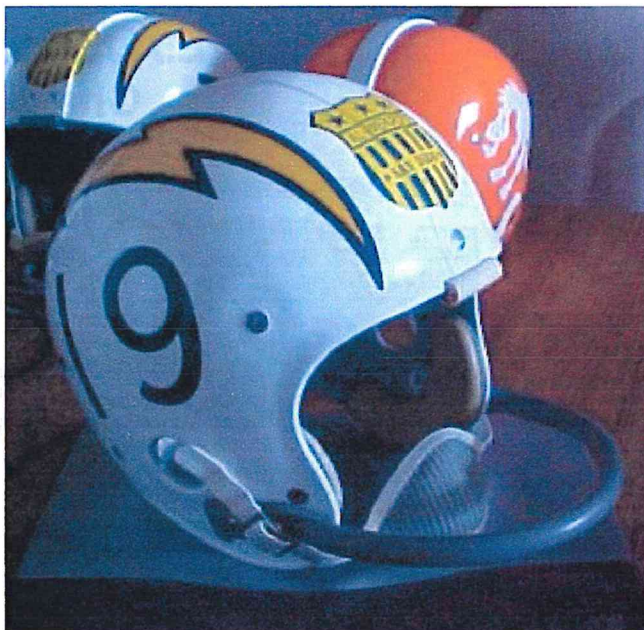
1960 L.A Chargers vs Houston Oilers. Blue bolts. The block numbers distinguish this from the 1966 helmet. Thanks to Kurt Sanger for this picture!



1963: Navy Blue Outline/Charger Shield Version. Tobin Rote (18) and Paul Lowe (23)



Another "shield version". Thanks to Kurt Sanger for this pic. Note that Tobin Rote has the shield, but Ron Mix does not.



Two really beautiful custom helmets of the 1963 "All American City" shield version done by the folks at Helmethut. A reproduction of Ernie Ladd's helmet is to the left, Lance Alworth's to the right.



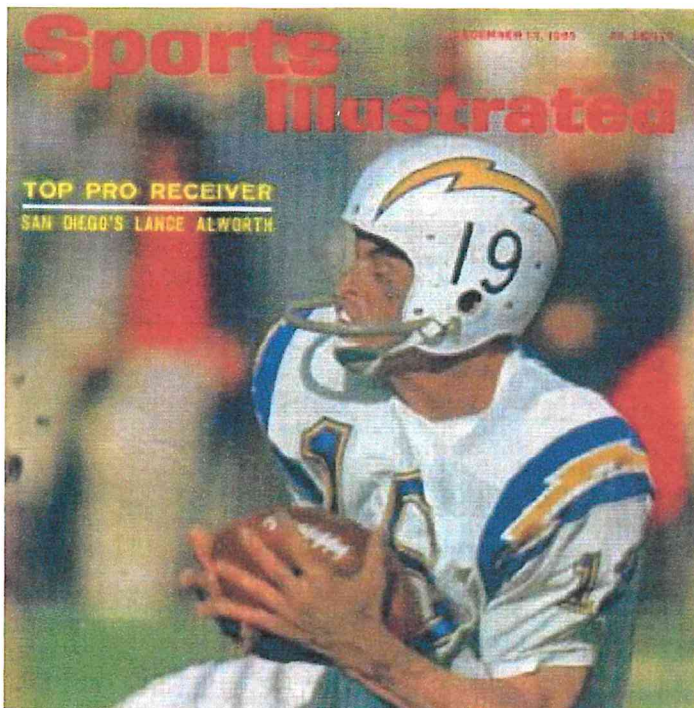
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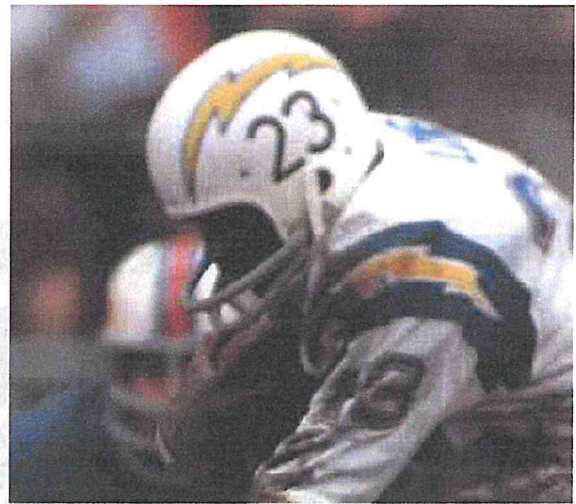
1966



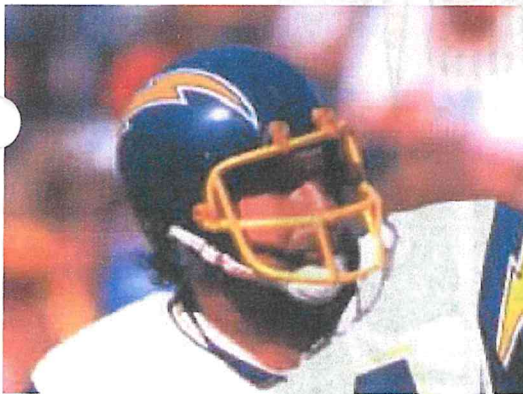
Nice color pic from 1966 courtesy of Kurt Sanger



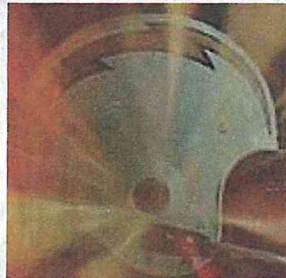
Lance Alworth on the cover of a December 1965 issue of SI.



Paul Lowe wearing the navy blue outlined bolts against Buffalo. The year is at least 1965, as the Bills helmet has blue stripes.



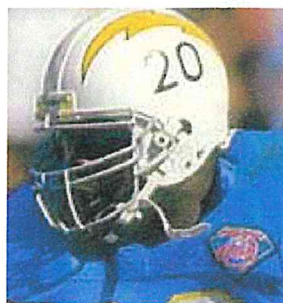
Dan Fouts



1968



Reproduction of John Jefferson's helmet. Photo courtesy of Helmethut



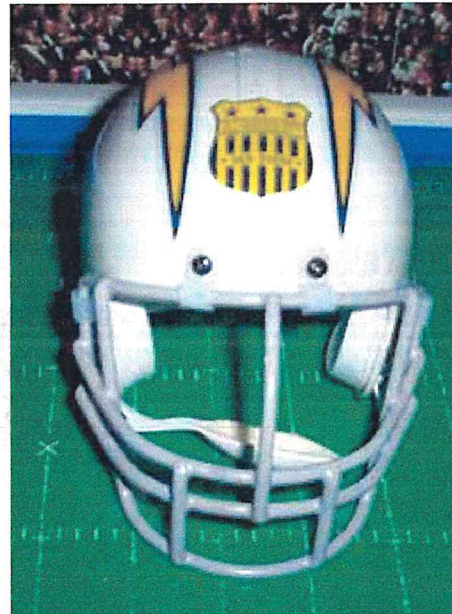
The 1994 Special Throwback

Chargers Mini Helmets:



1961 - 1965

1966



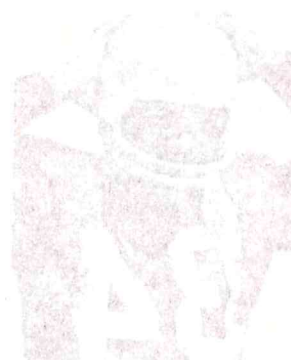
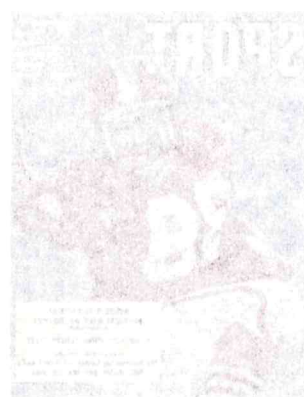
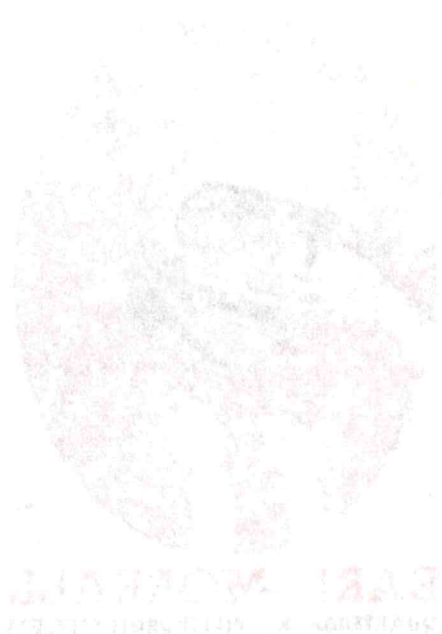
1963 "All American City Shield" version. Thanks to Jason Dooley for sending me the "Shield" decal.



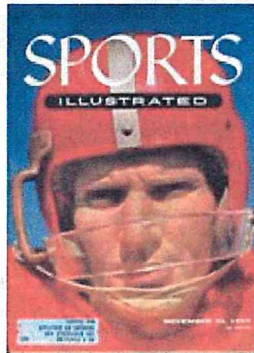
1967 - 1973 (1994 TB)

1974 - 1987

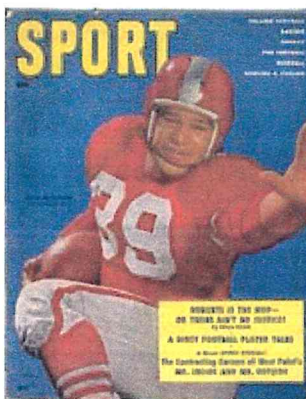
1988 - Current



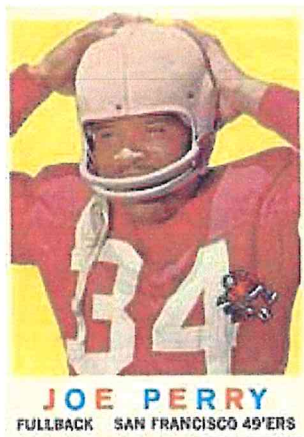
San Francisco 49ers



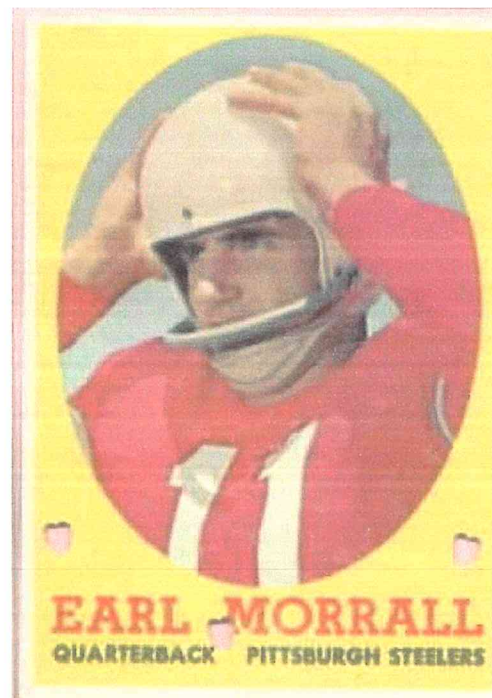
From a November 1954 issue of SI, Y.A. Tittle wearing the "Lucite" facemask which was very popular in the mid 50's. He's also wearing a special bar to protect an injury he had to the right side of his face.



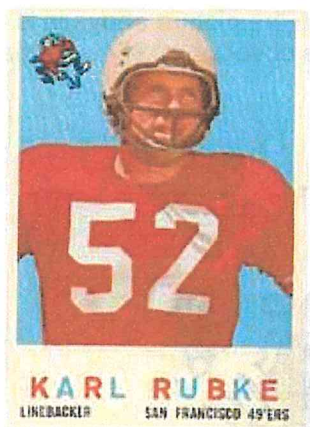
Hugh M. - from the mid 50's



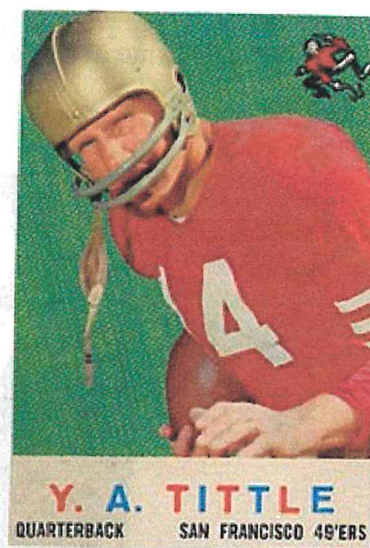
Dual single bars



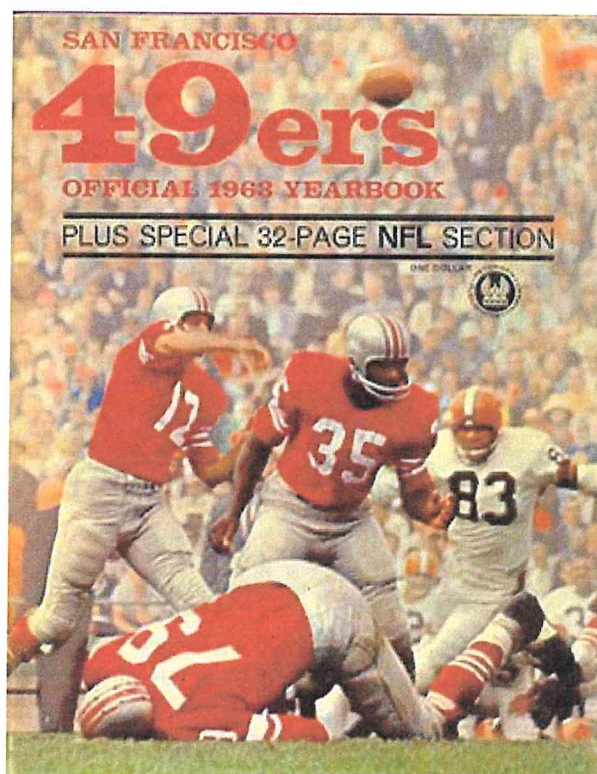
This is a 1958 Topps card - but the pic is from 1956, the only year Earl played for the 49ers.



This is a 1959 Topps card - but the pic is from a year or 2 earlier. Lubke joined S.F in 1957 - so this proves they wore the white helmet that year.



The all gold helmet from a 1959 Topps card. This helmet was worn from 1958-1959 (I beleive).



Plain silver helmet w/3 red stripes: 1960-62



The first helmet with the SF oval was silver and was first worn during the 1962 season

and was also worn for the 1963 season. I'm fairly certain the picture above is the 11/17/63 game at Yankee Stadium. This pic came from a cover of a 1964 pre-season magazine.



This is a picture of Pete Rozelle presenting a plaque to Leo Nomellini for breaking the consecutive games played record. This picture was taken on 12/9/62, prior to the 49ers game with Green Bay. This may have been (or not) the first game with the SF oval. Thanks to Ken Draznik for this picture.



Joe Perry (34) and Leo Nomellini (73) in 1963 wearing the silver helmet. The pictures below are the exact helmets now residing in Canton.



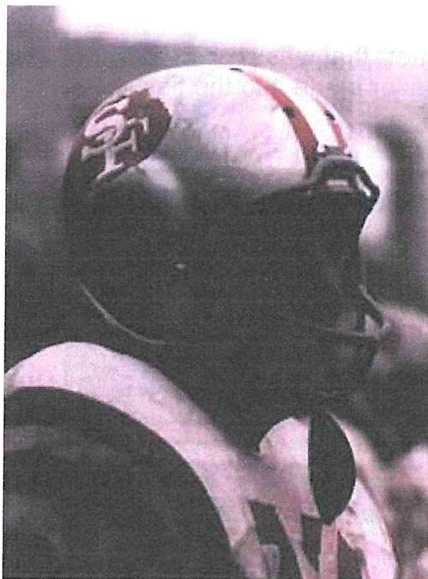
Leo Nomellini's 1963 helmet and jersey. This image is courtesy of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



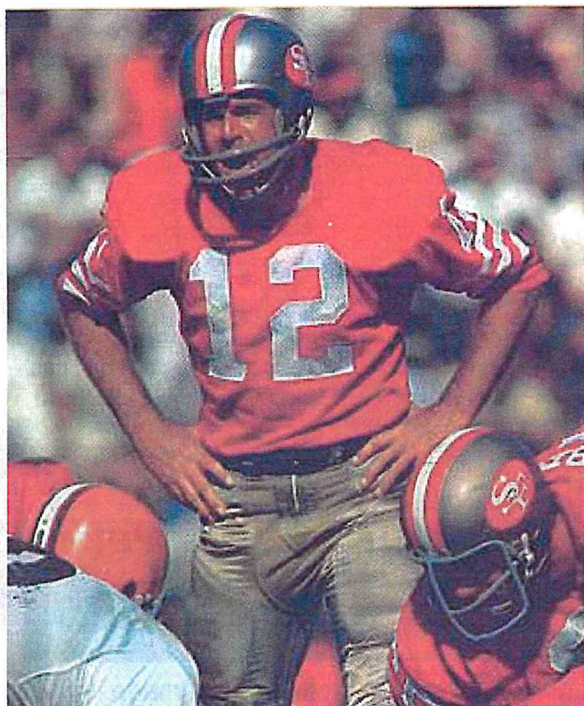
Joe Perry's 1963 helmet. This image is courtesy of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



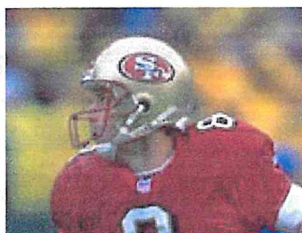
Nice custom reproduction of Joe Perry's 1963 helmet by Helmethut



Bob St.Clair in 1963



John Brodie on the cover of a 1971 issue of SI.



Steve Young wearing the current 49er helmet.

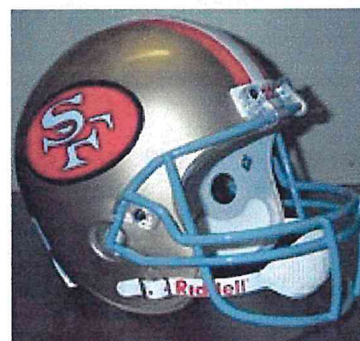


This version shows the SF without the black outline



1991 file photo by Paul Sakuma.
In better times: Former 49ers owner Edward DeBartolo Jr., left, and President Carmen Policy were friends until recently.

The "1 Day helmet" that was proposed a few years ago
- but never made it to the field. 1991.



The black outline was added to the SF
in the early to mid 90's.

49ers Mini Helmets:



1950? - 1955



1956 - 1957

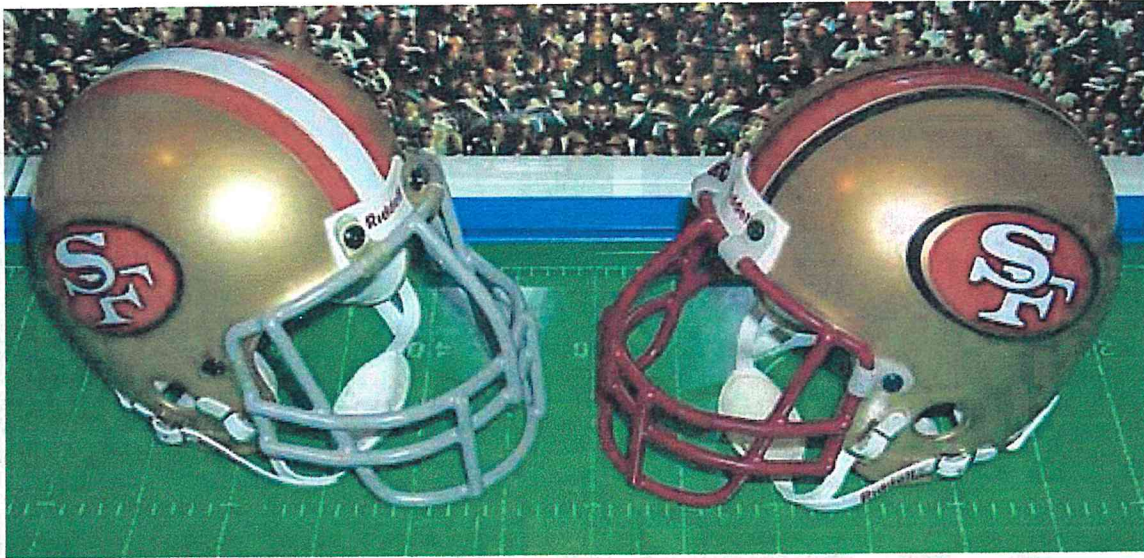


1958-1959



1960 - late 1962

Late 1962 - 1963



1964 - 1995

1996 - Current



The 1 Day Mini (1991)

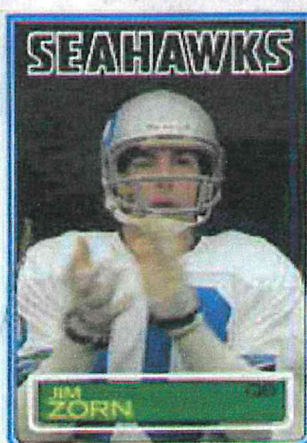
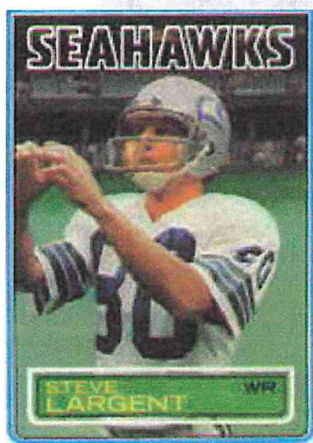
Seattle Seahawks



Jim Zorn wearing the original
Seahawk helmet with gray facemask.



This is a custom reproduction of the helmet Steve Largent wore
in his rookie year of 1976. This picture courtesy of Helmethut



1983 FB Cards. Pictures taken in '82?



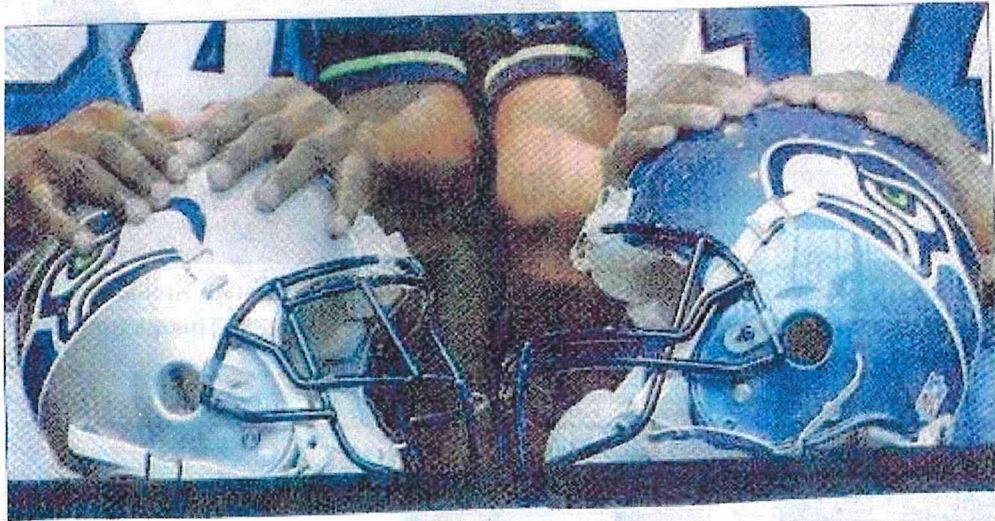
1983-2001 helmet.



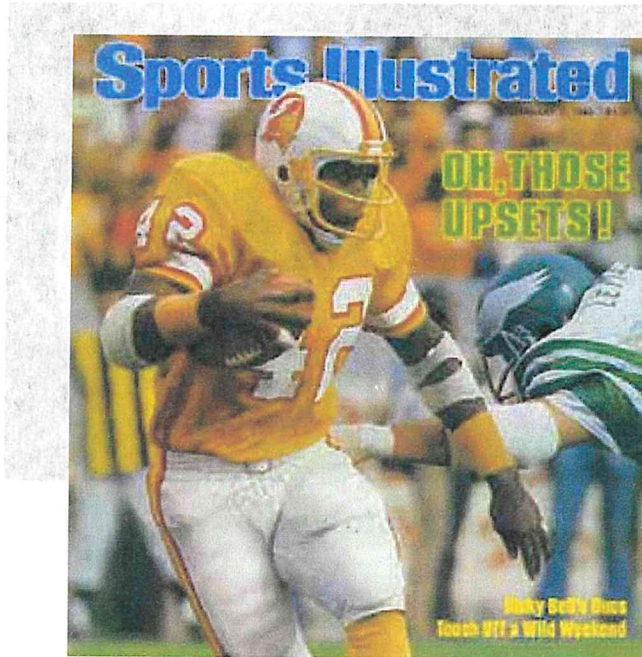
New 2002 helmet.



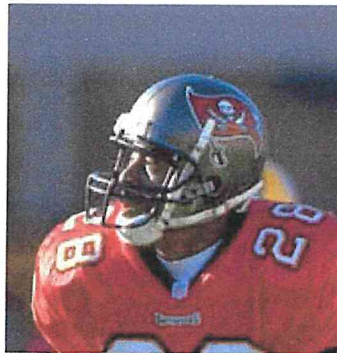
2002 prototype



Tampa Bay Buccaneers

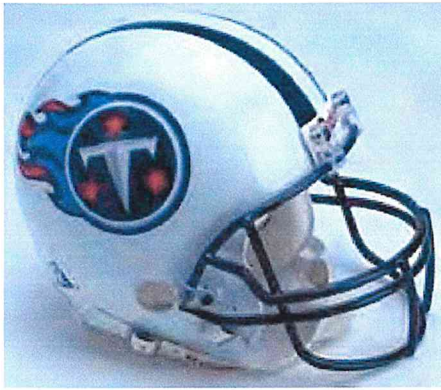


1980 Sports Illustrated



Bucs Current Helmets

Tennessee Titans



1999 - Current

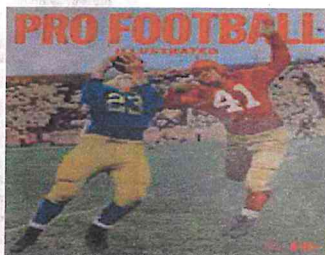


Prototype

Washington Redskins



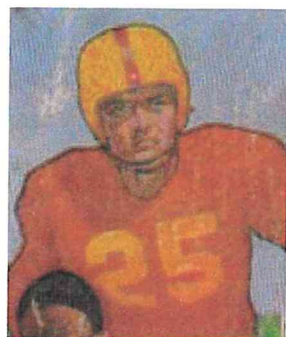
Game worn 1939 leather helmet.
Photo courtesy of Helmethut



1948 Pro Football Illustrated (vs Packers)



Sammy Baugh's 1950 Bowman Card



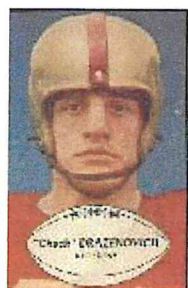
1950 Bowman Card. This is a painted card. The helmet was really metallic gold ("Old Gold"), not yellow.



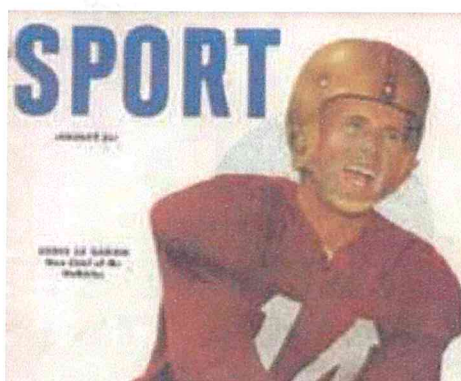
1951 Bowman Card



1952 Bowman Card



1953 Bowman Card



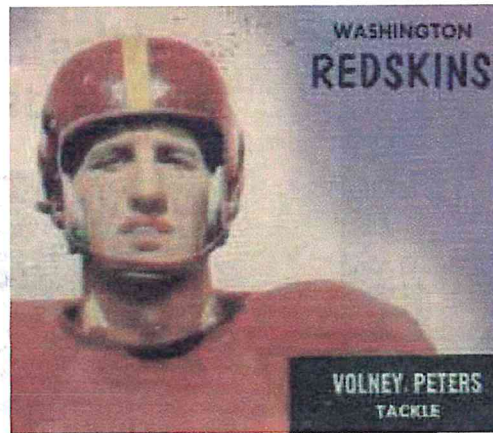
Eddie LeBaron from a January 1954 issue of Sport Magazine.



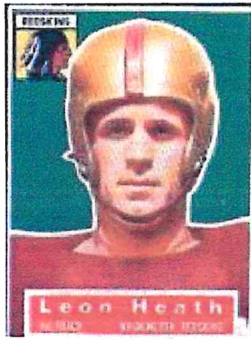
1955 Bowman Cards. One burgandy, one gold. Which one did they wear that year? Janowicz (left) played only in 1954 and 1955.



Nice reproduction by Helmethut of the Redskins early 50's "Old Gold" helmet



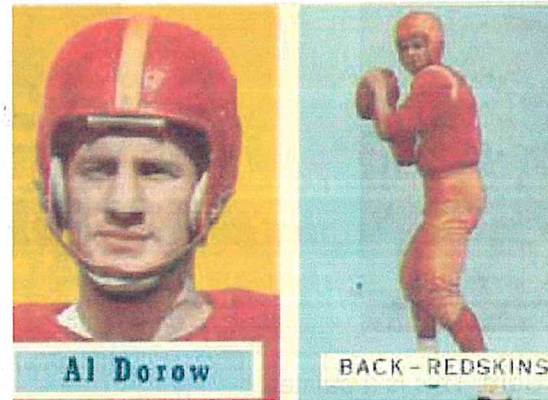
1955 Bowman Card. Peters played with the Skins from 1954 - 1957.



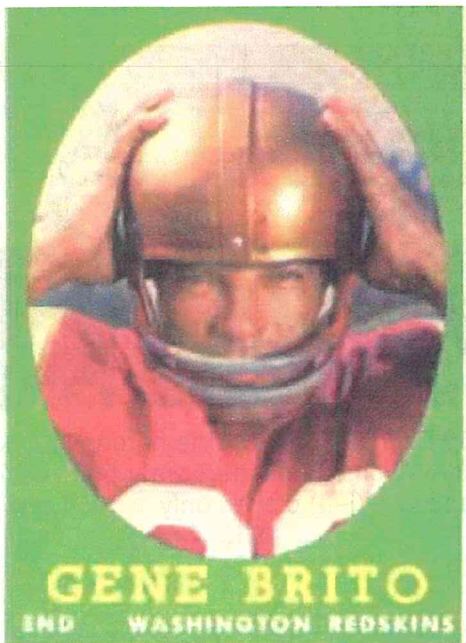
1956 Topps Card



1957 Topps Card



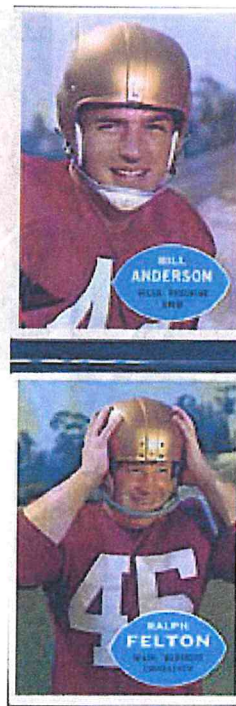
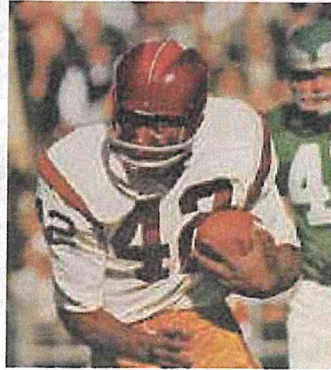
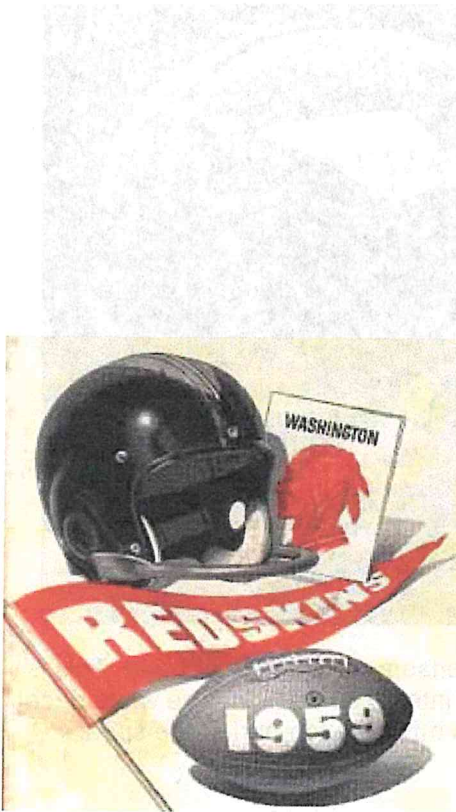
1957 Topps. In 1957, Dorow played for the Eagles. He played with the Skins from 1954-1956.



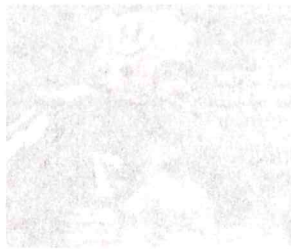
1958 Topps Card



1958 Topps Card



1960 Topps Cards



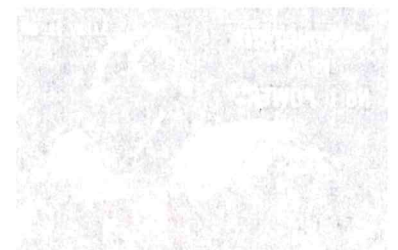
Charley Taylor

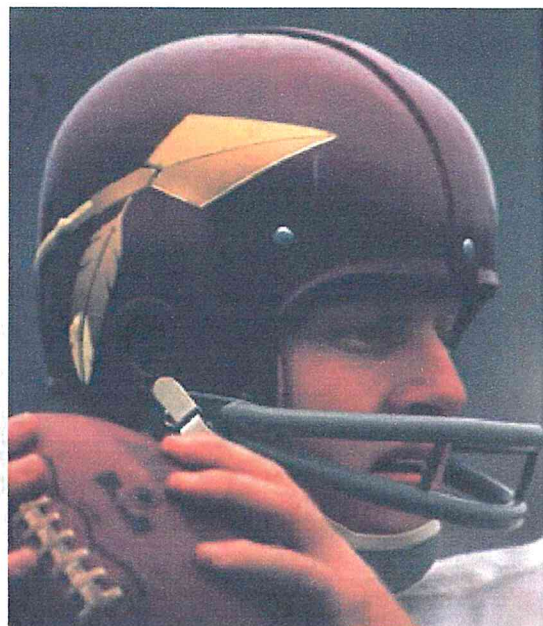


Game used. Picture courtesy of Helmethut



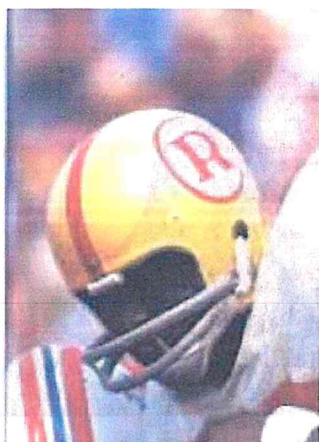
Sonny Jurgenson - from 1969



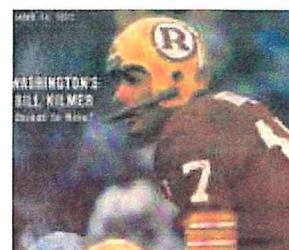


Game used. Pictures courtesy of Helmethut.

Sonny Jurgenson - all gold spear head. This is not really an intended variation. The white decal piece fell off of the top part of the spear.



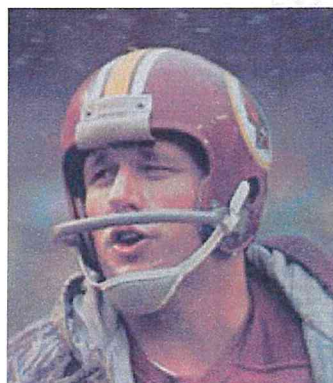
1970-1971 Version



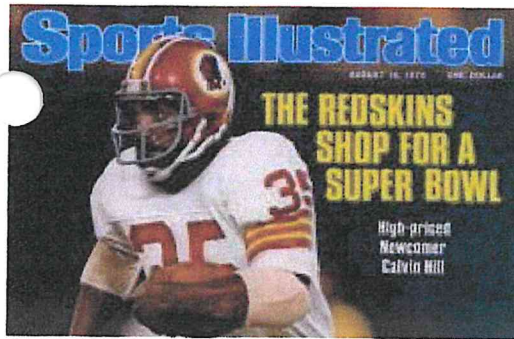
Billy Kilmer: November, 1971



Larry Brown 11/06/72 SI



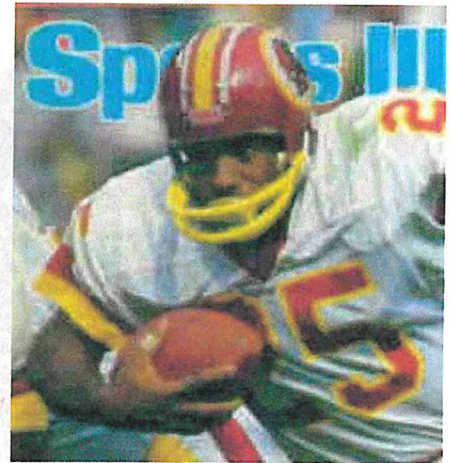
Billy Kilmer in 1974



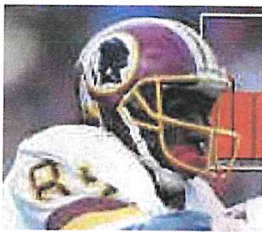
Calvin Hill in 1975



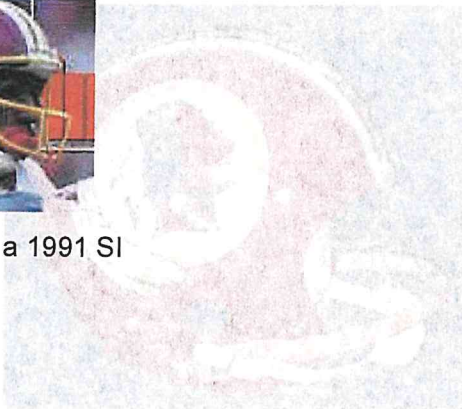
Mark Mosely wearing the 1982 "tucked feather" version.



Joe Washington from a 1983 SI



Gary Clark from a 1991 SI



The 1994 Special Throwback



1970 -1971



Lombardi "R" version
Helmet Hut reproduction

1949 - 1953
Helmet Hut reproduction



1973 -1974
Long feather version
Helmet Hut reproduction



1982
Theismann tucked feather
version
Helmet Hut reproduction

Dallas Texans - AFL

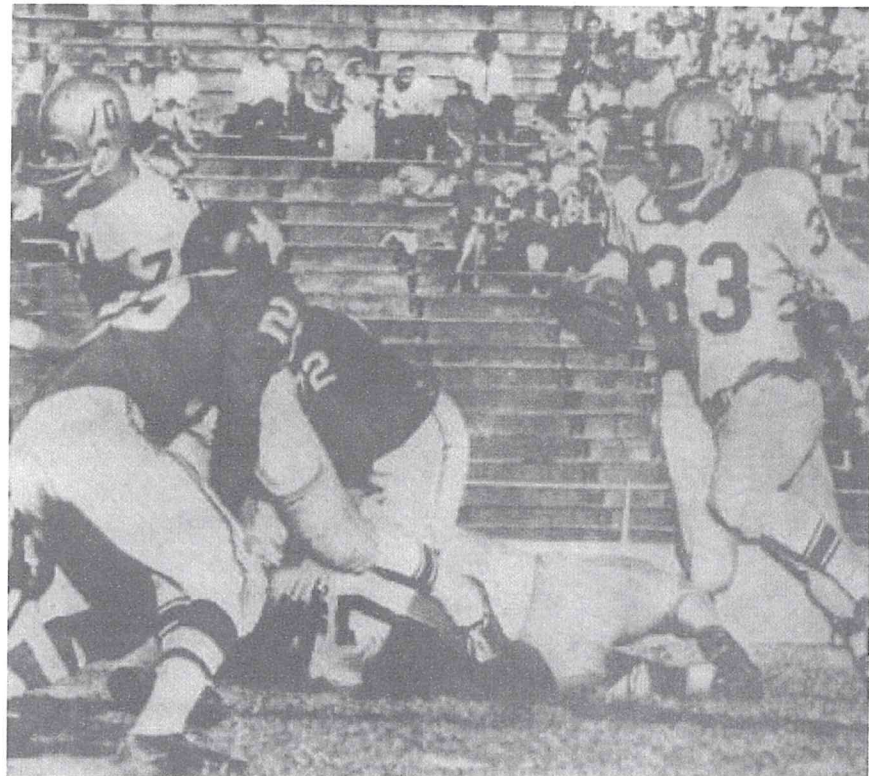
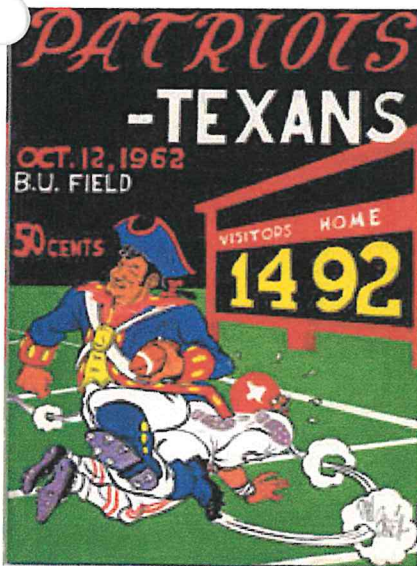
The Dallas Texans moved to Kansas City after the 1962 season to become the Chiefs



Dallas Texans 1960-62

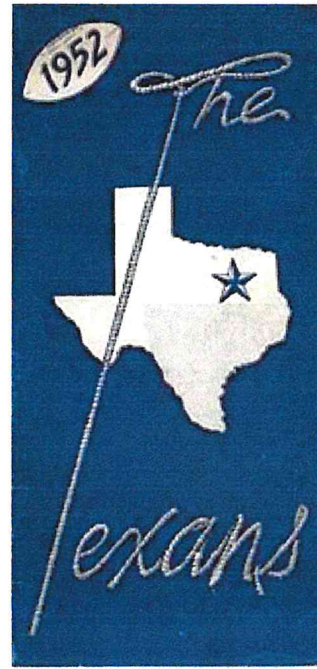


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The Texans hosting the Bills
11/12/61

NFL Dallas Texans (1952)



The Texans helmet was blue, with a wide white stripe. The Texans folded after their only season in 1952. They became the Baltimore Colts in 1953.

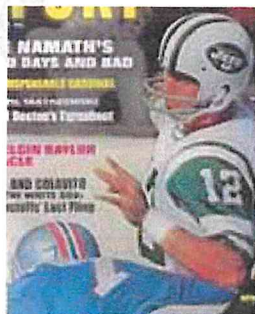
Houston Oilers



From 1966. Navy derrick with white outline



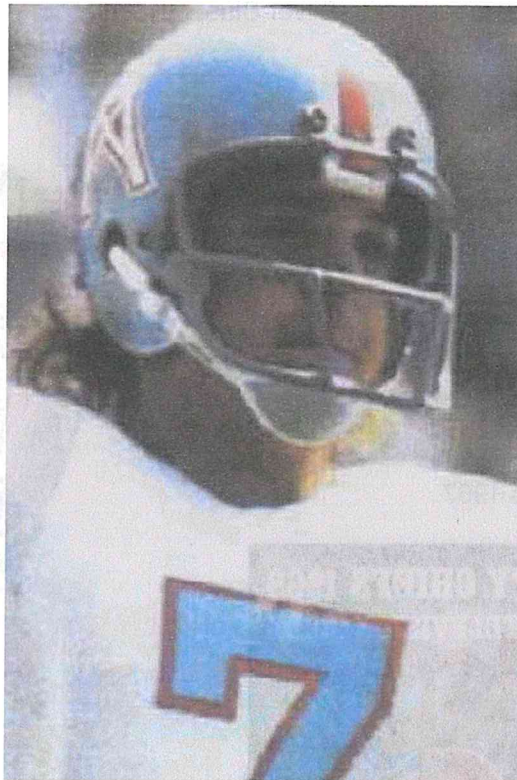
From 1966



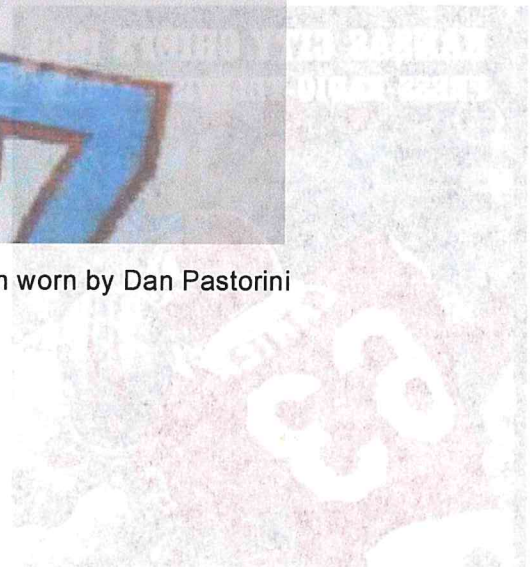
November 1967 issue of Sport. It's hard to tell - but the derrick is outlined in red.



George Blanda wearing the 1964-1965 version

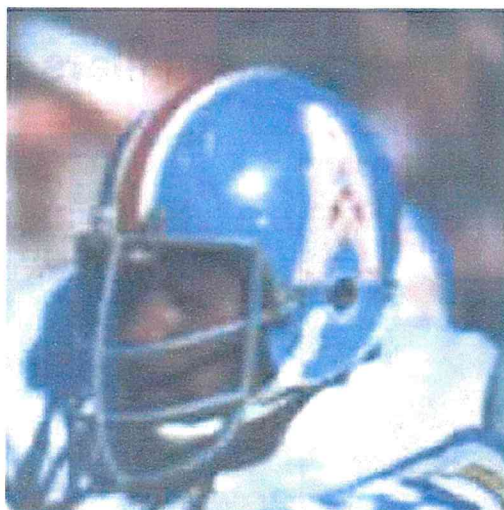


1972-1974 version worn by Dan Pastorini

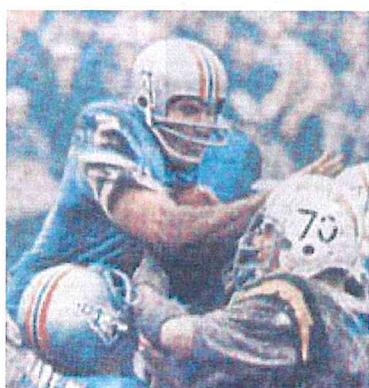




Late 60's: George Webster wearing the Silver Blue helmet



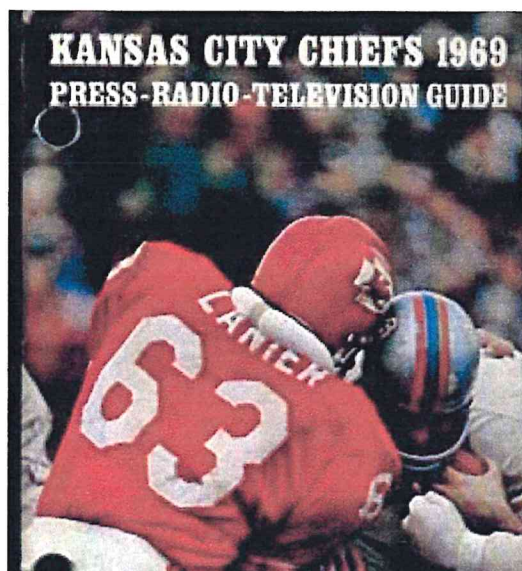
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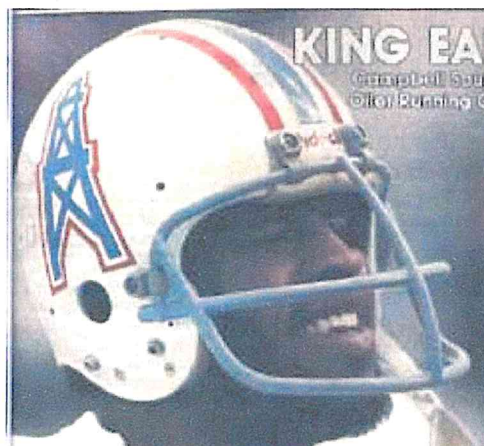
Circa 1967



1972-1974



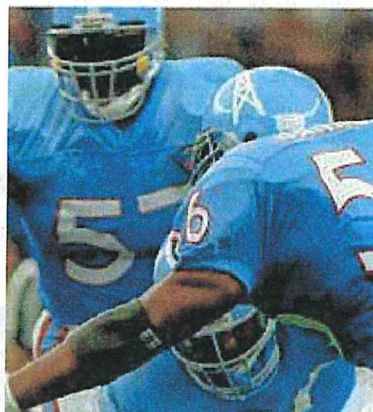
The red-Blue-red stripe variation from a picture probably taken in 1968.



Earl Campbell wearing the 1975-1980 version



1978



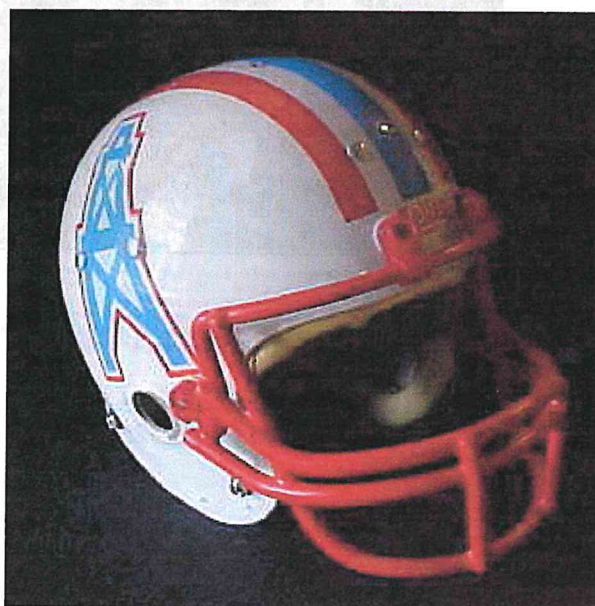
The 1994 Special Throwback



Warren Moon wearing the '81-'96 red mask version



1972 Helmet Hut
Reproduction



1981 Helmet Hut
Reproduction

New York Titans

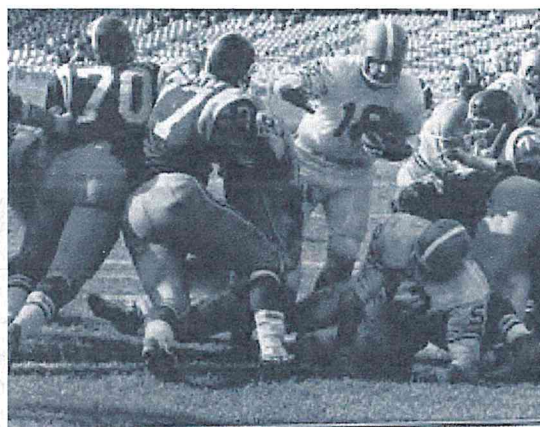
Before they became the NY Jets, they were the N.Y Titans from 1960-1962. Plain blue helmet with yellow/gold center stripe



Poor photo of the Titans helmet



From a 1962 game program



Quarterback Breaks
Tripp's moves
 against the New York
 Titans in a 20-10 victory
 at the Polo Grounds in
 1962. The Broncos won.

They could have easily become the San Antonio Broncos. Or the Atlanta Broncos, Philadelphia Broncos, Cincinnati Broncos. Even the Birmingham Broncos was a possibility at one point. The early 1960s were the most unstable years in the history of the Denver Broncos. The team came perilously close to leaving Denver on several occasions—only to be saved by those who believed the city needed

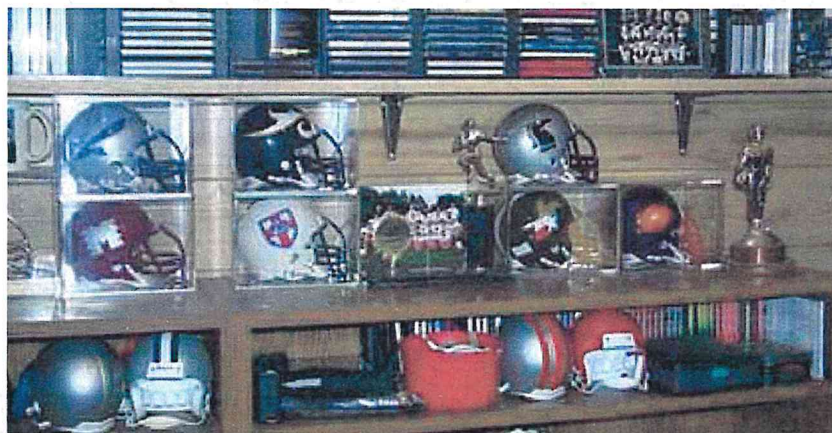
Broncos at Titans in the Polo
 Grounds 9/20/62.

Some pics of my mini's (before I sold them)











The following project is a complete description of helmets worn by teams who have played in the National Football League (and also the **American Football League**) since 1950. Not all of the details of helmets used by each team may be listed; anything left out would require **Internet assistance**.

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Arizona Cardinals (1)	White helmets (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side	Pre-1950 to 1960, 1994 (Special)
	White helmets with logo of cardinal's head (both sides, mirror image on left), and gray masks; no center stripes	1960 to date
Atlanta Falcons	Red helmets with old gold, white, black, white, and old gold center stripes, and gray masks; logo is black falcon spreading out wings to form shape of an "F" with white trim (both sides, mirror image on left)	1966 to 1969
	Red helmets with white, black, and white center stripes, and gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1966-1969 helmets	1970 to 1976, 1994 (Special)
	Red helmets with white, black, and white center stripes, and white masks; logo is same descriptions as 1966-1976 helmets	1977 to 1983
	Red helmets with white, black, and white center stripes, and black masks; logo is same descriptions as 1966-1983 helmets	1984 to 1989
	Black helmets with white center stripes, and black masks; logo is same descriptions as 1966-1989 helmets	1990 (Preseason)
	Black helmets with black masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1966-1989 helmets	1990 to 2002
	Black helmets with black masks; no center stripes; logo is updated black falcon with newly-added touches of red and silver as falcon spreads out wings to form shape of an "F" with white trim (both sides, mirror image on left)	2003 to date

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Baltimore Ravens (2)	Black helmets with two purple half-center stripes separating from each other; black masks; logo is gold shield with black "B" trimmed in white, name "RAVENS" is on top of shield, all inside raven's wings and raven's body (both sides)	1996 to 1998
	Black helmets with two purple half-center stripes separating from each other; black masks; logo is raven's head with gold "B" trimmed in white inside head, trimmed in black and gold (both sides, partial mirror image on left)	1999 to date
Buffalo Bills	Silver helmets (plain) with gray masks; player's numeral in black on both sides	1960 to 1961
	White helmets with red center stripe; gray masks; logo is red buffalo with legs standing (both sides, mirror image on left)	1962 to 1964
	White helmets with blue, red, and blue center stripes with white trim; gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1962-1964 helmets	1965 to 1973
	White helmets with blue, red, and blue center stripes with white trim; gray masks; logo is blue jumping buffalo trimmed in white escaping a red pole, also trimmed in white (both sides, mirror image on left)	1974 to 1975
	White helmets with blue, red, and blue center stripes with white trim; blue masks; logo is same descriptions as 1974-1975 helmets	1976 to 1983
	Red helmets with white, red, blue, red, and white center stripes; blue masks; logo is same descriptions as 1974-1983 helmets	1984 to 1986
	Red helmets with white, red, blue, red, and white center stripes; white masks; logo is same descriptions as 1974-1986 helmets	1987 to 2001
	Red helmets with white, red, blue, red, and white center stripes; white masks; logo is white buffalo with legs standing (both sides, mirror image on left)	1994 (Special)

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Buffalo Bills (cont.)	Red helmets with white, royal blue, red, navy blue, red, royal blue, and white center stripes; navy blue masks; logo is same descriptions as 1974-2001 helmets	2002 to date
Carolina Panthers	Silver helmets with Carolina blue, black, and Carolina blue center stripes extending to just over back of helmet, separating from each other, then disappearing; black masks; logo is black panther's head with Carolina blue, black, and white trim (both sides, mirror image on left)	1995 to date
Chicago Bears (since 1922)	Navy blue helmets (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side	Pre-1950 to 1961; 1994 (Special)
	Navy blue helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is white wishbone-shaped "C" (both sides)	1962 to 1972
	Navy blue helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is orange wishbone-shaped "C" trimmed in white (both sides)	1973 to 1982
	Navy blue helmets with navy blue masks; no center stripes; logo is orange wishbone-shaped "C" trimmed in white (both sides)	1983 to date
Cincinnati Bengals	Orange helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is "BENGALS" lettering in black with white trim, spread across the helmet (both sides)	1968 to 1979
	Orange helmets with black masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1968-1979 helmets	1980, 1994 (Special)
	Orange helmets with black masks; no center stripes; logo is black tiger stripes extending across helmet from right side to left side (mirror image on left side)	1981 to date
Cleveland Browns (3)	White helmets (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side	Pre-1950 to 1951
	Orange helmets with white center stripe; gray masks; no logo on either side	1952 to 1956

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Cleveland Browns (cont.)	Orange helmets with white center stripe; gray masks; players' numeral in brown on both sides	1957 to 1959
	Orange helmets with brown, white, and brown center stripes; gray masks; players' numeral in brown on both sides	1960 to 1961
	Orange helmets with brown, white, and brown center stripes; gray masks, no logo on either side	1962 to 1974
	Orange helmets with brown, white, and brown center stripes; gray masks, logo is connecting "CB" in brown trimmed in white (both sides)	1965 (Preseason)
	Orange helmets with brown, white, and brown center stripes; white masks; no logo on either side	1975 to 1995, 1999 to date
Dallas Cowboys	White helmets with blue, white, and blue center stripes; gray masks; logo is blue star (both sides)	1960 to 1963
	Silver/metallic blue helmets with blue, white, and blue center stripes; gray masks; logo is blue star outlined in white (both sides)	1964 to 1966
	Silver/metallic blue helmets with blue, white, and blue center stripes; gray masks; logo is blue star outlined in white and blue (both sides)	1967 to 1975; 1977 to date
	Silver/metallic blue helmets with red, white, and blue center stripes (to commemorate 200th anniversary of United States; they also are colors of state flag of Texas); gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1967-1975 helmets	1976 (Special)
Dallas Texans I--NFL	Navy blue helmet with large white center stripe; white mask; no side logos (Franchise no longer in existence)	1952

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Dallas Texans II--AFL (4)	Red helmet with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is white stenciled state of Texas trimmed in red, with yellow star identifying where Dallas is located (both sides)	1960 to 1962
Denver Broncos	Brown helmet with gray masks; white center stripes; players' numeral in white on both sides	1960 to 1961
	Orange helmet with gray masks; white center stripes; logo is cartoon-style drawing of brown bronco (both sides, mirror image on left)	1962 (Partial)
	Orange helmet with gray masks; white center stripes; logo is cartoon-style drawing of white bronco (both sides, mirror image on left)	1962 (Partial) to 1965, 1994 (Special)
	Orange helmet with gray masks; white, royal blue, and white center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1962-1965 helmets	1966
	Royal blue helmets with gray masks; orange, white, and orange center stripes; no logo on either side (Denver was the only AFL team in 1967 without a logo on their helmets; it was supposed to be ready for the new season, but the logo wasn't available until 1968!)	1967
	Royal blue helmets with gray masks; white, orange, and white center stripes; logo is orange "D" trimmed in white, with bronco inside the "D", with spearhead touching nose of the bronco (both sides)	1968 to 1974
	Royal blue helmets with white masks; white, orange, and white center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1968-1974 helmets	1975 to 1996
	Navy blue helmets with fluorescent orange center stripes extending to just over back of helmet, separating from each other, then disappearing; navy blue masks; logo is white bronco's head in front of orange wings (both sides, mirror image on left)	1997 to date

Team Name

Detroit Lions
(since 1934)

Helmet Description

Silver helmets (plain) with gray masks;
no logo on either side

Years Used

Pre-1950 to 1951
(estimated), 1957
to 1961)

Silver helmets with Honolulu blue, silver, and Honolulu blue center stripes; gray masks; logo is Honolulu blue lion jumping off ground (both sides, mirror image on left)

1962 to 1968

Silver helmets with Honolulu blue, white, and Honolulu blue center stripes; gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1962-1968 helmets

1969 to 1970

Silver helmets with Honolulu blue, white, and Honolulu blue center stripes; gray masks; logo is Honolulu blue lion jumping off ground with white trim (both sides, mirror image on left)

1971 to 1982

Silver helmets with Honolulu blue, white, and Honolulu blue center stripes; Honolulu blue masks; logo is same descriptions as 1971-1982 helmets

1983 to 2002

Silver helmets with black, Honolulu blue, white, Honolulu blue, and black center stripes; Honolulu blue masks; logo is Honolulu blue lion jumping off ground with black and white trim (both sides, mirror image on left)

2003 to date

Silver helmets (plain) with Honolulu blue masks; no logo on either side

1994, 2001 to
date (Special;
worn on every
Thanksgiving
Day since 2001)

Green Bay Packers

Yellow helmets (plain) with gray masks;
no logo on either side

Pre-1950 to
1953 (estimated)

Yellow helmets with green center stripe;
gray masks; no logo on either side

1954 to 1958

Yellow helmets with green, white, and green center stripes; gray masks, no logo on either side

1959 to 1960

Team Name**Green Bay Packers (cont.)****Helmet Description****Years Used**

Yellow helmets with green, white, and green center stripes; gray masks; logo is white "G" inside green oval (both sides)

1961 to 1979

Yellow helmets with green, white, and green center stripes; green masks; logo is same descriptions as 1961-1979 helmets

1980 to date

Yellow helmets (plain) with green masks; no logo on either side

1994 (Special),
2001 (Special--
Thanksgiving
Day)**Houston Oilers (5)**

French blue helmets with white center stripes; gray masks; logo is white oil well

1960 to 1963,
1994 (Special)

French blue helmets with white, red, white, red, and white center stripes; gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1960-1963 helmets

1964 to 1965

Silver helmets with red, white, navy, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is navy oil well trimmed in white

1966

Silver helmets with red, white, navy, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is navy oil well trimmed in white and red

1967 to 1970

Silver helmets with red, navy, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1967-1970 helmets

1971

French blue helmets with white, red, and white center stripes; gray masks; logo is white oil well trimmed in red and white

1972 to 1974

White helmets with red, white, French blue, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is French blue oil well trimmed in white and red

1975 to 1980

White helmets with red, white, French blue, white, and red center stripes; red masks; logo is same descriptions as 1975-1980 helmets (special hidden logo was added to helmets for Oilers' move from Houston to Tennessee before start of 1997 season)

1981 to 1998 *1998-2001*

Team Name
Houston Texans

Helmet Description

Years Used

White helmets with navy masks; no center stripes; logo is bull's head with blue long-horn on left side with white star (symbolic of Texas's official state flag), and red long-horn on right side, with white stripe in between (both sides, mirror image on left)

2002 (Phantom)

Navy helmets with navy masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 2002 phantom helmet

2002 to date

Indianapolis Colts (6)

Navy helmets (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side

1953

Navy helmets with white center stripe; gray masks; logo is white horseshoe with small navy holes (back side of helmet on both sides of the white stripe)

1954 to 1955

White helmets with royal blue center stripe; gray masks; logo is royal blue horseshoe with small white holes (back side of helmet on both sides of the royal blue stripe)

1956

White helmets with royal blue center stripe; gray masks; logo is royal blue horseshoe with small white holes now moved to left and right sides of helmet

1957 to 1977

White helmets with royal blue center stripe; white masks; logo is same descriptions as 1957-1977 helmets

1978 to 1994

White helmets with royal blue center stripe; royal blue masks; logo is same descriptions as 1957-1994 helmets

1995 to date

Jacksonville Jaguars

Silver helmets with black, silver, white, teal, white, silver, and black center stripes; black masks; logo is black-and-gold jaguar leaping across helmet (both sides, mirror image on left)

1993
(Phantom 1)

Silver helmets with black, silver, white, teal, white, silver, and black center stripes; black masks; logo is revised black-and-gold jaguar landing on earhole of helmet (both sides, mirror image on left)

1994
(Phantom 2)

Team Name

Jacksonville Jaguars
(continued)

Helmet Description

Black helmets with black masks; no center stripes; logo is jaguar's head with unusual teal-colored tongue in jaguar's mouth (both sides, mirror image on left)

Years Used

1995 to date

Kansas City Chiefs (7)

Red helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is white arrowhead with interlocking letters "KC" on top of each other in red with black trim (both sides, partial mirror image)

1963 to 1973

Red helmets with white masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1963-1973 helmets (size of logo is smaller)

1974 to date

Miami Dolphins

White helmets with aqua, white, orange, white, and aqua center stripes; gray masks; logo is aqua-and-white dolphin wearing a miniature white helmet with "M" on its side, (for Miami) jumping inside a round orange sun-shaped hoop with dolphin's head inside hoop (both sides, partial mirror image)

1966, 1970 to 1973

White helmets with aqua, white, orange, white, and aqua center stripes; gray masks; logo is aqua-and-white dolphin wearing a miniature white helmet with "M" on its side, jumping inside a round orange sun-shaped hoop with dolphin's head outside of hoop (both sides, partial mirror image)

1967 to 1969;
1974* to 1979

White helmets with aqua, white, orange, white, and aqua center stripes; aqua masks; logo is same descriptions as 1967-1969, 1974-1979 helmets

1980 to 1996

White helmets with aqua, navy, white, orange, white, navy, and aqua center stripes; aqua masks; logo is aqua-white-navy dolphin wearing a miniature white helmet with "M" on its side, jumping inside a round orange sun-shaped hoop (without hashmarks) with dolphin's head outside of hoop (both sides, partial mirror image)

1997 to date

Minnesota Vikings

Purple helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is white Viking horns with gold crescent (both sides, mirror image on left)

1961 to 1979

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Minnesota Vikings (continued)	Purple helmets with white masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1961-1979 helmets	1980 to 1984
	Purple helmets with purple masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1961-1984 helmets	1985 to date
New England Patriots (8)	White helmets with red, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is blue-and-white, 1776-style patriot's hat with player's numeral below in black on both sides	1960
	White helmets with red, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is cartoon drawing of football player wearing patriot's 1776-style uniform with football in right hand on the ground (both sides)	1961 to 1964
	White helmets with red, white, blue, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1961-1964 helmets, and also would be used after Boston Patriots became New England Patriots in 1971	1965 to 1981
	White helmets with red, white, blue, white, and red center stripes; white masks; logo is same descriptions as 1961-1981 helmets	1982 to 1989
	White helmets with red, white, blue, white, and red center stripes; red masks; logo is same descriptions as 1961-1989 helmets	1990 to 1992; 1994 (Special); 2002 (Special)
	Silver helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is patriot's silver head with hat stylized in U. S. flag images (both sides, mirror image on left)	1993
	Silver helmets with red masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1993 helmets	1994 to date
	Old gold helmets with white center stripe; gray masks; logo is black fleur-de-lis with white trim (symbolic of the historical French Quarter section of New Orleans--both sides)	1967 (Preseason)

Team Name

New Orleans Saints
(continued)

Helmet Description

Years Used

Old gold helmets with black, white, and black center stripes; gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1967 preseason helmet

1967; 1969 to 1975

Old gold helmets with white, black, and white center stripes; gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1967 (and later 1969 to 1975) helmet

1968

Black helmets with white, old gold, and white center stripes; gray masks; logo is old gold fleur-de-lis with white trim (both sides)

1969
(Preseason)

Old gold helmets with black, white, and black center stripes; black masks; logo is same descriptions as 1967-1975 helmets

1976 to 1999

Old gold helmets with black, white, and black center stripes; black masks; logo is black fleur-de-lis with white and black trim (smaller size--both sides)

2000 to date

New York Giants

Blue helmets with red center stripe; gray masks; no logos on either side (numbers were added in 1957 to the front of the helmets)

1951 to 1960

Blue helmets with red center stripe; gray masks; logo is white "ny" in lower-case letters with the "y" underlining the "n" (both sides)

1961 to 1974;
2000 to date

Blue helmets with white, red, and white center stripes; gray masks; logo is white, blue, and white "NY" in neon-style lettering, with the "Y" underlining the "N" (both sides)

1975

Blue helmets with white, red, and white center stripes; gray masks; logo is white "GIANTS" lettering with underline (both sides)

1976 to 1979

Blue helmets with red center stripe; white masks; logo is same descriptions as 1976-1979 helmets

1980 to 1999

New York Jets (9)

White helmets with green center stripes; gray masks; logo is green jet airplane with the word "JETS" printed in white inside the airplane (both sides, partial mirror image)

1963

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
New York Jets (continued)	White helmets with green, white, and green center stripes; gray masks; logo is white football-shaped "NY JETS" with the word "JETS" printed in green in front of a stenciled "NY" in white with green trim; small green football is sitting under the "NY" (both sides)	1964
	White helmets with green, white, and green center stripes; gray masks; logo is green football-shaped "NY JETS" with the word "JETS" printed in white in front of a stenciled "NY" in green with white trim; small white football is sitting under the "NY" (both sides)	1965 to 1977
	Green helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is white "JETS" with a smaller-sized white airplane attached to the "J" (both sides)	1978 to 1989
	Green helmets with black masks; no center stripes; logo is white "JETS" with black trim; the "J" has a small-sized white airplane with black trim attached to it (both sides)	1990 to 1997
	Green helmets with white, green, and white center stripes; black masks; logo is same descriptions as 1965-1977 helmets (both sides)	1993 (Special), 1994 (Special)
	White helmets with green, white, and green center stripes; green masks; logo is same descriptions as 1965-1977 helmets except that shape of "NY JETS"/football logo is circular instead of football-shaped (both sides)	1998 to date
New York Titans (10)	Royal blue helmets with gold center stripes; gray masks; no logo on either side	1960 to 1962
Oakland Raiders (11)	Black helmets (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side	1960 (Preseason)
	Black helmets with white stripe; gray masks; no logo on either side	1960 to 1962
	Silver helmets with black stripe; gray masks; logo is mostly white shield with portrait of football player wearing miniature Raiders helmet with black eyepatch covering right eye in front of two crossing swords; "RAIDERS" name in white on black strip (both sides)	1963; 1994 (Special)

Team Name**Oakland Raiders**
(continued)**Helmet Description**

Silver helmets with black stripe; gray masks; logo is black shield with portrait of football player wearing miniature Raiders helmet with black eyepatch covering right eye in front of two crossing swords; "RAIDERS" name in white (both sides)

Years Used

1964 to date

Philadelphia Eagles

Green helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is thick white feather stripe stretching to back of helmet (both sides, mirror image on left--one of only two designs ever used on a leather helmet)

1948 to 1950
(Estimated);
1994 (Special)

Green helmets (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side

1951 to 1952
(Estimated)

Green helmets with white center stripes; gray masks; no logo on either side

1953 to 1955
(Estimated)

Green helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is silver eagle's wing stretching to front side of helmet (both sides, mirror image on left)

1956 to 1969#

White helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is white eagle's wing stretching to front side of helmet (both sides, mirror image on left)

1969# to 1972

White helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is white eagle's wing with black trim, stretching to front side of helmet (both sides, mirror image on left)

1973

Green helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is silver eagle's wing with white trim, stretching to front side of helmet (both sides, mirror image on left)

1974 to 1984

Green helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; same descriptions as 1974-1984 helmets, except that eagle's wing was pushed back approximately six inches from front side of helmet (both sides, mirror image on left)

1985 to 1995

Forest green helmets with black masks; no center stripes; logo is white/silver eagle's wing with black-and-white trim (both sides, mirror image on left)

1996 to date

Team Name
Pittsburgh Steelers

Helmet Description

Years Used
Pre-1950 to 1953

Cheddar gold helmets (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side

1954 to 1958

Cheddar gold helmets with black center stripe; gray masks; no logo on either side

1959 to 1961

Cheddar gold helmets with black center stripe; gray masks; player's numeral in black on both sides

1962

Cheddar gold helmets with black center stripe; gray masks; logo is white circular "Steel" logo with yellow, red, and blue diamonds (hypocycloids) lined up to make a right-sided arrow, all inside a silver ring (Logo originates from United States Steel as Steelers got permission from USS to use the 'diamonds' logo for their helmets; they are worn only on the right side)

**1962 (Special+);
 1963 to 1976**

Black helmets with gold center stripe; gray masks; logo is white circular "Steelers" logo with yellow, red, and blue diamonds (hypocycloids) lined up to make a right-sided arrow, all inside a silver ring (right side only; left side is plain black)

1977 to date

Black helmets with gold center stripe; black masks; logo is same descriptions as 1963-1976 helmets (right side only; left side is plain black)

St. Louis Rams (12)

Blue helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is ram's gold swirling horn with unusual extension of horn from below earhole of helmet to front side of helmet, connecting to mirror image-style of other swirling horn (The Los Angeles Rams were the first team in NFL history to wear a logo on their helmets!)

**1947 to 1948
 (Leather);
 1949 to 1964
 (Metal)**

Blue helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is ram's white swirling horn with unusual extension of horn from below earhole of helmet to front side of helmet, now moved six inches to the right (both sides, mirror image on left)

1965 to 1972

Team Name**Helmet Description****Years Used****St. Louis Rams
(continued)**

Blue helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1965-1972 helmets, except that ram's swirling horn is gold

1973 to 1980

Blue helmets with blue masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1973-1980 helmets

1981 to 1999

Navy helmets with navy masks; no center stripes; logo is ram's glittering gold swirling horn with unusual extension of horn from below ear-hole of helmet to front side of helmet (both sides, mirror image on left)

2000 to date

San Diego Chargers (13)

White helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is blue curved lightning bolt (both sides, mirror image on left) with player's numeral in black on both sides

1960, 1966

White helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is yellow curved lightning bolt with blue trim (both sides, mirror image on left), and with player's numeral in black on both sides

1961 to 1965;
1967 to 1973;
1994 (Special);
2000 (Special);
2002 (Special);

White helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1961-1965, 1967-1973 helmets, but also with "San Diego--All-American City" shield on front

1963

Blue helmets with yellow masks; no center stripes; logo is yellow curved lightning bolt with blue and white trim (both sides, mirror image on left)

1974 to 1987

Navy helmets with navy masks; no center stripes; logo is white curved lightning bolt with navy and yellow trim (both sides, mirror image on left)

1988 to date

San Francisco 49ers

Red helmet with gray masks; brown center stripes; no logo on either side

1950 to 1955

White helmet (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side

1956 to 1957

Old gold helmet (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side

1958 to 1959

Team Name

San Francisco 49ers

Helmet Description

Years Used

Silver helmets with thin red, thick silver, thick red, thick silver, and thin red center stripes; gray masks; no logo on either side

1960 to 1962
(Partial)

Silver helmets with white, red, and white center stripes; gray masks; logo is white interlocking "SF" logo inside red oval with black trim (both sides)

1962 (Partial)
to 1963

Old gold helmets with red, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is same descriptions as 1962-1963 helmets

1964 to 1991
(Estimated)

Old gold helmets with red, white, and red center stripes; red masks; logo is "49ERS" logo in black and red trim in shadow-style font (both sides)

1991 (Phantom)

Old gold helmets with red, white, and red center stripes; red masks; logo is white interlocking "SF" logo with black trim, inside red oval with black trim (both sides)

1992 to 1995
(Estimated)

Old gold helmets with black, old gold, black, red, old gold, and black center stripes; red masks; logo is white interlocking "SF" logo with black trim, inside red oval with old gold and black trim (both sides)

1996 to date

Seattle Seahawks

Silver helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is blue, green, and white seahawk head with white beak trimmed in blue, and green eye inside white iris (symbolic of Pacific Northwest; both sides, mirror image on left)

1976 to 1982

Silver helmets with blue masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 1976-1982 helmets

1983 to 2001

Silver helmets with navy masks; no center stripes; logo is navy, denim blue, and white seahawk head trimmed in white, with white beak trimmed in navy, and navy eye inside lime iris (both sides, mirror image on left)

2002 (Phantom)

Denim blue helmets with navy masks; no center stripes; logo is same descriptions as 2002 phantom helmet

2002 to date

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	White helmets with Florida red, citrus orange, and Florida red stripes; citrus orange masks; logo is citrus orange/Florida red buccaneer's face wearing feathered cap on head (both sides, mirror image on left)	1976 to 1996
	Pewter helmets with black masks; no center stripes; logo is Florida red-colored waving flag trimmed in black and white, with white skull head on top of crossing swords, sitting on top of small-sized orange football, all inside the flag (both sides, mirror image on left)	1997 to date
Tennessee Titans (14)	White helmets with navy blue center stripe; white masks; logo is white pointed "T" with three red stars inside dark blue circle (symbolic of Tennessee's official state flag) with white, light blue, and dark blue trim; back side of logo has light blue, dark blue, and red flames sticking out (both sides, partial mirror image on left)	1999 (Phantom)
	White helmets with dark blue, white, and dark blue center stripes extending to just over back of helmet, separating from each other, then disappearing; dark blue masks; logo is same descriptions as 1999 phantom helmet	1999 to date
Washington Redskins (since 1937)	Cheddar gold helmets with maroon center stripe; gray masks; no logo on either side	Pre-1950 to 1953
	Maroon helmets with cheddar gold center stripe; gray masks; no logo on either side	1954 to 1956 (Estimated)
	Old gold helmets (plain) with gray masks; no logo on either side	1957 (Estimated)
	Maroon helmets with thick cheddar gold-turning-white feather-shaped center stripes, split between thin maroon, white, and maroon center stripes; gray masks (both sides, mirror image on left)	1958 to 1964
	Maroon helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is two white-and-old gold clockhand-shaped feathers attached to white-and-old gold spearhead (both sides, mirror image on left; the Redskins would wear these helmets for most of their home games during the 2002 season)	1965 to 1969; 2002z (Partial); 2003 (Special)

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Washington Redskins (continued)	Cheddar gold helmets with maroon center stripe; gray masks; logo is maroon British font-style "R" inside white circle trimmed in maroon, with two white-and-maroon feathers attached to circle in pointing-down position (both sides, partial mirror image on left)	1970 to 1971
	Maroon helmets with white, maroon, cheddar gold, maroon, and white center stripes; gray masks; logo is Indian head inside white circle trimmed in cheddar gold, with white-and-cheddar gold feathers attached to circle in pointing-down position (both sides, mirror image on left)	1972 to 1978 (Estimated)
	Maroon helmets with white, maroon, cheddar gold, maroon, and white center stripes; cheddar gold masks; logo is same descriptions as 1972-1978 helmets	1979 to 1981; 1983 to date (z)
	Maroon helmets with white, maroon, cheddar gold, maroon, and white center stripes; cheddar gold masks; logo is Indian head inside white circle trimmed in cheddar gold, with white-and-cheddar gold feathers attached to circle in closed-end position instead of pointing down (both sides, mirror image on left)	1982
	Maroon helmets (plain) with cheddar gold masks; no center stripes; no logo on either side	1994 (Special)
Miscellaneous (partial list only)	White helmets with gray masks; no center stripes; logo is official NFL insignia with top half of logo blue with white stars and a football kicking in the air; bottom half of logo is white trimmed in blue with red letters spelling out "NFL", with the "F" extended to bottom of shield (both sides)	1965 to 1968 (Estimated)
	Old gold helmets with red, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is official NFL insignia (see 1965-1968 helmets for complete details)	1969
	Silver helmets with red, white, and red center stripes; gray masks; logo is official NFL insignia (see 1965-1969 helmets for complete details)	1969
	White helmets with red center stripes; gray masks; logo is red "A" surrounded by six red stars (both sides)	1970 to 1973 (Estimated)

<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Helmet Description</u>	<u>Years Used</u>
Miscellaneous (continued)	White helmets with blue center stripes; gray masks; logo is blue "N" with three white stars inside "N" (both sides)	1970 to 1973

Note: After the 1978 season, NFL Pro Bowl games permitted players to wear helmets of the teams they were playing for at the time of their selection, instead of by conference.

- (1) Originally known as in order the Chicago Cardinals (pre-1960), St. Louis Cardinals (1960-1987), and Phoenix Cardinals (1988-1993).
- (2) Originally known as the Cleveland Browns (1946-1995); however, NFL immediately declared Baltimore Ravens an expansion team starting in 1996.
- (3) This includes the first Cleveland Browns franchise (1946-1995) which would be transferred to Baltimore as the Ravens starting in 1996, with the Ravens declared by the NFL as an expansion team. The second Cleveland Browns franchise began in 1999.
- (4) Dallas Texans second franchise (AFL; 1960-1962) had since moved to Kansas City to become the Chiefs. (First Dallas Texans franchise, which played in the NFL in 1952, was last NFL team to be disbanded.)
- (5) Houston Oilers franchise (1960-1996) had since moved to Tennessee to become first the Oilers (1997-1998), then the Titans beginning with the 1999 season.
- (6) Originally known as the Baltimore Colts (1953-1983).
- (7) Originally known as the Dallas Texans (AFL franchise--1960-1962).
- (8) Originally known as the Boston Patriots (1960-1970).
- (9) Originally known as the New York Titans (1960-1962).
- (10) New York Titans franchise (1960-1962) had since changed their name to Jets.
- (11) Oakland Raiders franchise (1960-1981, 1995-Present) had since moved to Los Angeles in 1982, and then returned to Oakland in 1995.
- (12) Originally known as in order the Cleveland Rams (1937-1942, 1944-1945), and the Los Angeles Rams (1946-1994).
- (13) Originally known as the Los Angeles Chargers (1960).
- (14) Originally known as in order the Houston Oilers (1960-1996), and the Tennessee Oilers (1997-1998).

*Some members of the Miami Dolphins football team actually wore helmets that would be worn in the 1974 regular season during Super Bowl VIII (1973 NFL championship game).

#Philadelphia Eagles, in 1969, were reported to be the first NFL team to wear two different helmet designs, based on where they played each game. The Eagles used white helmets for home games, and green helmets for road games. In 1970, Philadelphia used only white helmets through the 1973 season, then returned to green helmets starting in 1974.

+Pittsburgh Steelers, in a 1962 "Playoff Bowl" game, which was a special post-season game that featured two second-place teams playing against each other, had changed the colors of their helmets from cheddar gold, to black, as a preview of what the Steelers would be wearing in the 1963 regular season.

zWashington Redskins, in 2002, used two different helmet designs during the season; they also used, in addition to the "clockhand-shaped feathers-with-spearhead" logo, the regular "Indian head-in-a-circle" helmets, based on where they played each game. The Redskins used the special helmets for most home games, and regular helmets for most road games.

(As of January 31, 2004, there is a possibility of three football teams that may be altering their helmet designs for the 2004 season: the Cincinnati Bengals, the Jacksonville Jaguars, and the San Diego Chargers, but none of those teams have decided, or even commented, about this happening. In 2003, the Atlanta Falcons, and the Detroit Lions, had altered their helmet designs before the season would begin.)